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TIME TABLE.

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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 P.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.
Kowloon, Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.00	12.10	1.15	2.31	3.20	4.30	5.40	7.35
Yau-mat, Dep.	6.49	—	—	9.25	10.08	12.19	1.23	—	—	4.38	5.48	7.43
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	9.38	10.20	12.30	1.35	—	—	4.50	6.00	7.55
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	9.53	10.33	12.43	1.45	—	—	5.04	6.13	8.08
Taipo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Market, Dep.	7.20	—	—	9.58	10.37	12.47	1.52	—	—	5.09	6.17	8.12
Fanling, Dep.	7.30	—	—	10.10	10.47	12.57	2.02	—	—	5.19	6.27	8.22
Shang.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shum-chun ...Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	10.15	10.53	1.02	2.07	3.09	—	5.23	6.33	8.28
Shum-chun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	10.21	10.58	1.08	2.13	3.15	4.03	5.29	6.38	8.33
Canton ...Arr.	—	12.05	—	5.45	—	—	—	7.15	—	—	—	—

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 P.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.
Canton Dep.	—	—	—	8.10	—	—	—	—	—	8.25	—	—
Shum-chun Dep.	7.17	8.03	10.34	11.27	11.47	3.53	4.39	5.47	6.42	7.07	—	—
Shum-chun Arr.	7.23	8.11	10.41	—	11.53	3.01	4.45	5.54	—	7.14	—	—
Fanling Dep.	7.39	8.15	10.47	—	12.00	3.06	4.50	5.58	—	—	—	—
Taipo Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.57	—	12.11	3.17	5.00	6.08	—	—	—	—
Market Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.01	—	12.16	3.22	5.04	6.13	—	—	—	—
Shatin Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.14	—	12.30	3.36	5.17	6.28	—	—	—	—
Shatin Arr.	8.11	8.56	11.28	—	12.42	3.45	5.29	6.38	—	—	—	—
Yau-mat Dep.	8.17	9.02	11.39	12.07	12.48	3.54	5.35	6.44	7.32	7.49	—	—
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EVEN AN ENIGMA TO HIS MOTHER!

(Exclusive to the "Daily Press.")

London, July 2.—In a drab little hut at Catterwater air station near Southampton lives a small, stunted, fair haired man of forty. Each morning he arises at 6.30, makes his bed, and scrubs the floor of his wooden shack before starting a long day of menial labour as a private in the Royal Air Force.

In the evening he pores over heavy Greek books by the light of his only electric bulb. Often he writes furiously, afterwards neatly placing his papers in a small satchel under lock and key. He sleeps little more than five hours.

This man, whose unprepossessing figure and rather careless dress would pass unnoticed anywhere, guards the world's most interesting secret. The mystery man of the British Government lives there. He is Aircraftsman A. C. Shaw, the former Colonel T. E. Lawrence of Arabia.

An Oxford Fellow.

Aircraftsman Shaw, once Colonel T. E. Lawrence of Arabia and once Thomas Edward Lawrence, research fellow at Oxford, is the world's most enigmatic man. No one, save himself, can explain why the former maker of kings, and promising young graduate of Oxford is scrubbing floors and pottering about a greasy air station.

Some hint that Aircraftsman Shaw, as Lawrence of Arabia, has a grievance against the British Government for the way the Allies treated his Arabs. They believe he is pouting like a child. There is something, it is certain, behind Lawrence's continued and heated refusal of British decorations. He has been offered a knighthood and has refused. Military honours and medals galore have been placed at his feet and he has spurned them all.

Is his fall from the rank of colonel in the British army to a poorly paid private in the air force a result of his own wish, or does it merely represent his wish to retire from the public eye for a moment before continuing his work in the East? No one can answer. The fact remains that the man who was once a colonel is now a private getting hardly enough money to buy gasoline for the motor-cycle on

which he escapes from the air station when he wants to be alone and free from curious visitors.

Pawn of the Government?

Even his mother has told friends that she was never able to fathom her son, or "Ned" as he was known to the family. She admits that he has always led a topsyturvy life and she never knew what he was doing or where he was. Despite this queer existence of his it is said he has had 28 offers of marriage from women, both notorious and prominent in society.

His friends picture him as a disappointed man. They say he has been the pawn of his Government in deals of which he did not approve.

However this may be, it is certain Lawrence is attempting to hide from the public. He has even gone so far as to change his name by deed poll to Shaw. Thomas Edward Lawrence no longer exists except in the mind of the public. He is now Aircraftsman Shaw of the Royal Air Force.

Once Known As "Boss."

This is not the first time that Lawrence has been doing menial work in the air force. In 1922 he was cleaning dirty machinery in the R.A.F. under the name of Ross, having enlisted for seven years service. He did not remain long in England, however, and he was next seen in India in the garb of a native.

His seven years of service was finished last April but it is understood he "signed up" for five more years. At least he is still with the R.A.F. Looking back at his past experiences as a private in the R.A.F. it might be surmised that Private Shaw will be ordered on more mysterious errands to the East.

Dressed As Native.

The life story of Lawrence exceeds in romance and glamour the tales in "Arabian Nights." For more than fifteen years he has fitted about the globe like a shadow and no one but himself could relate all his experiences. For years he would be buried in Arabia or India and then suddenly and unexpectedly reappeared in England without a word to say about where he has been or what he has been doing. True he has written two books but they do not tell all.

On leaving Oxford where he was a don, Lawrence made his way to the East. Dressed as a native, he wandered up and down Arabia, Syria and Mesopotamia cultivating his natural gifts for association with Oriental peoples and making himself master of the many Arabian dialects.

When the war came and Turkey threw in her lot with the Central Powers, this young archaeologist, who at the moment was excavating Hittite remains in the valley of the Euphrates, became a soldier whose exploits will long remain a legend among the Arabs. It is said that single handed he blew up more than seventeen trains and underwent severe flogging from his Turkish captors without revealing himself to be English.

He organized the forces of the King of Hedjaz, who had revolted against the Sultan and seized Mecca. The story of how this tiny Englishman, dressed in the flowing robes of the Arabs, organized the forces of that country and led them to success after success reads like a fairy legend.

Prince of Mecca.

Out of gratitude for his services to their country the Arab leaders made him an Emir and a Prince of Mecca, a signal honour. King Hussein presented him with a curved gold sword worn only by direct descendants of Mohammed.

At the end of the war he was with the British delegation at the Peace Conference and in 1921 he was appointed adviser on Arab affairs for one year. This far, and no farther, is the record of his life carried in "Who's Who in Great Britain." In this book there is no mention of the years between 1923 and 1929, and Thomas Edward Lawrence is classified as a "research fellow at All Souls' College, Oxford."

When his fellow airman learned that Lawrence was among their midst they immediately formed themselves into a sort of guard for his person. The words "Lawrence" and "Arabia" are never mentioned in his presence. To them he is Aircraftsman Shaw, a silent, moody person whom they admire but can not understand.

Even the public is now tiring of trying to have a word with him. He says nothing. He is Aircraftsman Shaw of the Royal Air Force. Lawrence of Arabia is no more. A scrub-brush has replaced his gun; a pair of overalls his white robes.—United Press.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(August 2.)

Christian Fellowship meeting,
Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Chinese Chamber of Commerce
meeting, 2.30 p.m.

V.R.C. Night Fête, 8.15 p.m.

Billiards League:—K.O.S.B. v.
Police Reserves, Royal Artillery v.
Buffalo Club, Somerset's v. Police,
C. & P.O. Club v. Craignower,
Royal Engineers v. St. Patrick's.

H.K. Football Association extra-
ordinary general meeting, French
Bank Building, 5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Our Dancing
Daughters."

World Theatre: "Steamboat Bill
Jr."

Star Theatre: "Tracked by the
Police."

Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel,
Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels,
8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High: 6.14 a.m. and 3.43
p.m.; Low: 2.08 p.m.

Saturday.
(August 3.)

King Haakon VII. of Norway
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Golf: Happy Valley Summer
Meeting, Championship and Capt.'s
Cup.

Lawn Bowls:—Division I: Crai-
gower v. Kowloon Docks, Kow-
loon Bowling Green v. Kowloon
C.C., Recreation v. Police, Tai-
koo v. Civil Service, Division II: Yacht
Club v. Tai-
koo, Kowloon C.C. v.
Craignower, Civil Service v. Re-
creation, H.K. Electric v. Kowloon
Bowling Green.

Tennis:—"C" Division: South
China v. H.K.C.C.

Kowloon Football Club concert,
9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Dancing
Daughters."

World Theatre: "Steamboat Bill
Jr."

Star Theatre: "Tracked by the
Police."

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High: 7.10 a.m. and 3.44
p.m.; Low: 12.25 a.m. and 2.34 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward:
Europe via Marseilles (Khyber),
10.30 a.m.

Sunday.
(August 4.)

Tenth Sunday After Trinity.
War declared between Great
Britain and Germany 1914.

Golf: Happy Valley Summer
meeting, Championship and Cap-
tain's Cup.

Lawn Bowls:—Inter-departmental
Competition, Prison v. Small Units.

Queen's Theatre: "Uncle Tom's
Cabin."

World Theatre: "Out All Night."

Star Theatre: "Detective."

Ten Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel,
4.30 p.m.

Tides:—High: 8.04 a.m. and 10.30
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WOMAN'S PAGE.

ROUND THE TOWN.

SALES, EXCITING GIFTS, NEW HATS AND FROCKS.

PIONEER NEWS.

I have just had a letter from the Pioneer Silk Store telling me that from August 1 they have started a most delightful system of giving a gift to every purchaser of goods to the value of \$20 and upwards. These gifts, which are all of some value, and widely assorted to suit different tastes, will be displayed in a special showcase, and you can make your own choice.

Among the new goods which came in this week are a number of pieces of printed cotton voiles, another new departure for the Pioneer. They are in a good colour range and in the new "modernistic" spot or floral designs. I also saw some most attractive triangle kerchiefs of printed georgette which would be a chic accompaniment to a voice or ninon frock, and was told that three quite new shades of Kayser silk stockings have arrived.

SALE FROCKS FROM
LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

I went, as I expect you all did too, to the opening day of Lane, Crawford's sale and found all sorts of tempting and delightful things in the Ladies' Salon. Having secured my own bargains, I took a look round for the benefit of readers of this page. Some of the frocks I noted then have probably been already sold, but they were in every case typical rather than particular bargains, so will I hope, serve as a guide.

First two evening frocks. One is of pale pink ninon made with a beautifully beaded bodice and *plissé* frills on the skirt. The effect is at once dainty and very chic. The other is rather more sophisticated in design being a sheath-like dress of tomato red ninon trimmed with gold galon shot with colour. The trimming forms a bird on the left side of the bodice and the three rows of braiding round the bottom of the skirt give the slightly flared appearance on which the chic of the new line depends. Both these dresses are marked at \$49.50.

For present afternoon wear I selected two frocks of printed silk voile. One has a floral design in tones of red and brown on a black ground, and is trimmed with wide bands of plain red. The apron effect is very smart. The other dress has been designed for an older woman, and is carried out in silk voile with a floral pattern in pink and black. It is cut with sleeves and a well fitting bodice which opens over a *gilet* of pale pink georgette. Both these frocks were marked at \$39.50. For the morning there are voile and cotton print dresses running from \$9.50.

An interesting collection of this season's hats has been very much reduced, the prices running from \$1. Corsets run from \$6.50, and all sizes can be obtained in reliable makes. Shoes are from \$3.50, and although the shoe sale had been on a week there were still many very attractive bargains. Some oddments in Calanese, Kayser and *crêpe de chine* undies are being sold at quite absurdly low prices.



10 DAYS' SALE.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop is just starting a ten days sale, during which all the remaining hats, about 100, are marked at \$2. The original prices were from \$30 to \$12. We all know the Dolly Vardon hats so there is little need for me to add anything about their desirability, but I should like to remind you that an extra hat often becomes a most valued treasure, and at \$2 you can well afford it. Here is a case in point. I have a navy blue ensemble, georgette frock and big soft crin hat, and there came a day when though I wanted to wear it, I felt that since the sky was grey and threatening the crin hat was inappropriate. A \$5 "extra" a smart turban shape which I had just purchased, made a chic and suitable ensemble.

There are a few pretty morning frocks of printed cotton broadcloth also included in the sale.

ON A TOUR OF
INSPECTION ROUND
WHITEAWAYS.

A tour of inspection round Whiteaway, Laidlaw's on the first day of the sale proved nearly as arduous as it was interesting. A good many other people like myself were playing "hunt the red star," and it was hard not to forget the business in hand, the collection of a few facts for my readers, in the desire to appropriate some of these exciting "red star" bargains for myself. However, I managed to combine the two, and now that I have finished unpacking all my parcels I must tell you something about the sale.

All Whiteaway's sales are good, but the present one is one of the best. I secured all sorts of "household" goods, soap, writing paper,



Black and white satin are used for this distinguished looking afternoon dress.

brushes and combs, clothes hangers, sponges, talcum powder, etc., just inside the door. Then undies. There are some attractive undies in cambric in pastel shades trimmed with *ceru* lace. Silk stockings at \$1 a pair, socks, knickers and frocks for the children, all very good bargains. Over 500 straw hats have all been very much reduced and there is a row of cotton, linen, and voile dresses at bargain prices. The men's wear is all much reduced but I did not have time to linger at that counter, though I did notice some smart pyjamas for only \$8 the suit.

Upstairs in the furnishing department, I found that lace, curtains and *ceru* shade piece lace for curtains were being offered at less than half the original price. There are lovely "Liberty" cretonnes for \$1.25 and double width cretonne at \$1 a yard. Big white bath towels are only \$3.25 each, and there is a heap of smaller towels, some white, some coloured for even less. Table linen is very cheap, and there are special lines in glass ware at bargain prices.

HOW I CHOSE MY
TYPIST.

(By A LONDON OFFICE
MANAGER).

I have just finished a busy day interviewing what has amounted to a procession of girls and young women who have applied for the post of shorthand-typist in my office.

They came from all parts of London, and the first one arrived punctually at nine-thirty, while the last departed in the neighbourhood of six o'clock in the evening. They were the natural sequence to a couple of small advertisements and two telephone calls to bureaux agencies who supply stenographers for the small fee of half-a-crown.

I had interviewed at least fifteen before I spotted one who was at all prospective.

The fifteen were either too shy to speak out or talked so confusedly—again owing to shyness—that it was practically impossible to gauge them.

Very Slight Knowledge.

I told each one of them that I needed a typist-secretary who would be capable of answering the telephone, taking messages, and interviewing callers in the outer office. "Could you do that, do you think?" I asked them. They said they "thought they could." And it was obvious to me that they could not.

The sixteenth on the list looked much more likely. She was very neat in her dress, perfectly clear in her own mind what she could do and what she could not undertake, and the only reason why I did not take her on was because, on her own admission, she had a very slight knowledge of shorthand, although, from a test which I gave her from a newspaper, her typing speed was good.

I saw in Whiteaway, Laidlaw's, some embroidered motives to sew onto children's garments, in the form of cats, birds, teddy bears, and Dutch figures.

Whiteaway, Laidlaw's now have a fine selection of knitting wools including Virella wool in several pretty shades. They also have several sorts of wool specially made for making babies' things, and a number of thicker wools for knitting jumpers.

A Real "Vamp."

The next two who sat down to be interviewed should have been sent back to school, for they were too young and had no experience. And after them came a real "vamp." She literally swaggered across the room, and, unasked, took a chair facing me, and crossing one knee over the other displayed a large expanse of silk stocking and smiled under lowered lids.

Having in mind the peace of the office from the point of view of one or two youngsters of the callow youth stage her stay was of short duration!

Pathetic Tales.

In the meantime they poured in. Some were really pathetic, honestly in need of work, with cleaning spots on gloves, and the tale-tale darn in stocking heels which told of trying to make two ends meet.

I would have liked to take them, but there must be no sentimentality in business, and they were not what I wanted.

About three o'clock in the afternoon a girl of about twenty-two was ushered in, and no sooner had the door closed behind her and she walked towards me than I knew that this was the girl who was going to get the job. No! She was not the beautiful, typical of fiction who gets the post because of her looks, and for whom the prospective employer falls.

Precise Personality.

She was nice looking, it is true, but she had what none of those other girls possessed—personality! She exuded capability. She had just the right timbre in her voice to soothe the irate telephone callers, her shorthand and typing speeds were without fault, and she asked keen, intelligent questions which showed that she would take a real interest in her work. She got the job.

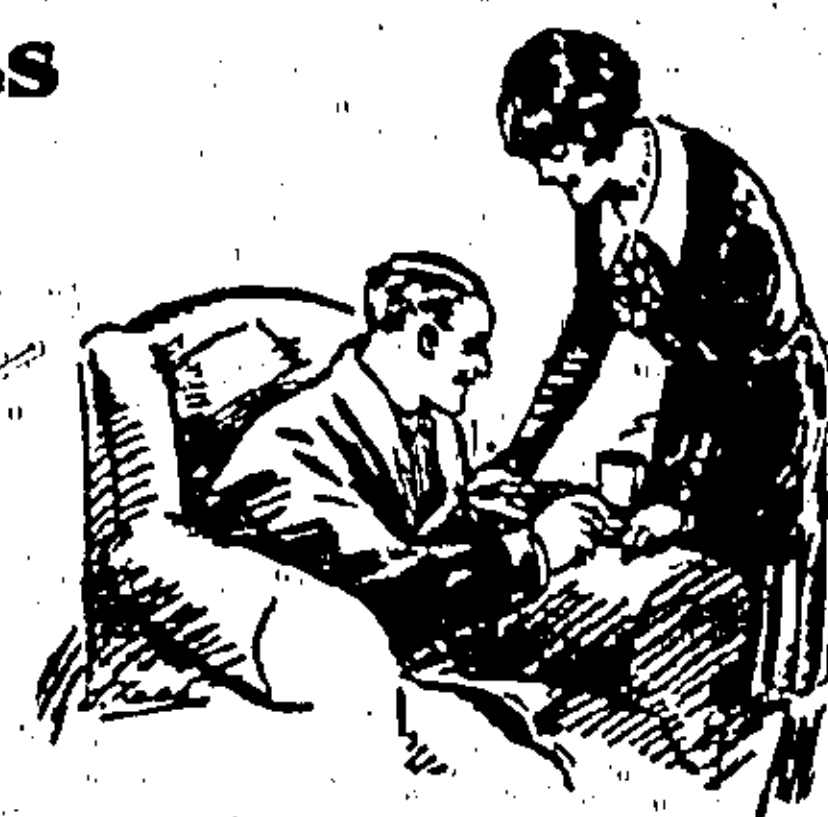
Now, it is quite possible that many of those girls whom I refused would have turned out to be as capable as I am sure this girl is going to prove. But they could not show me this in their manner during the time I interviewed them. I should like to say to those girls: "Forget yourself when you apply for a job. Never mind whether the spot on your sleeve is showing."

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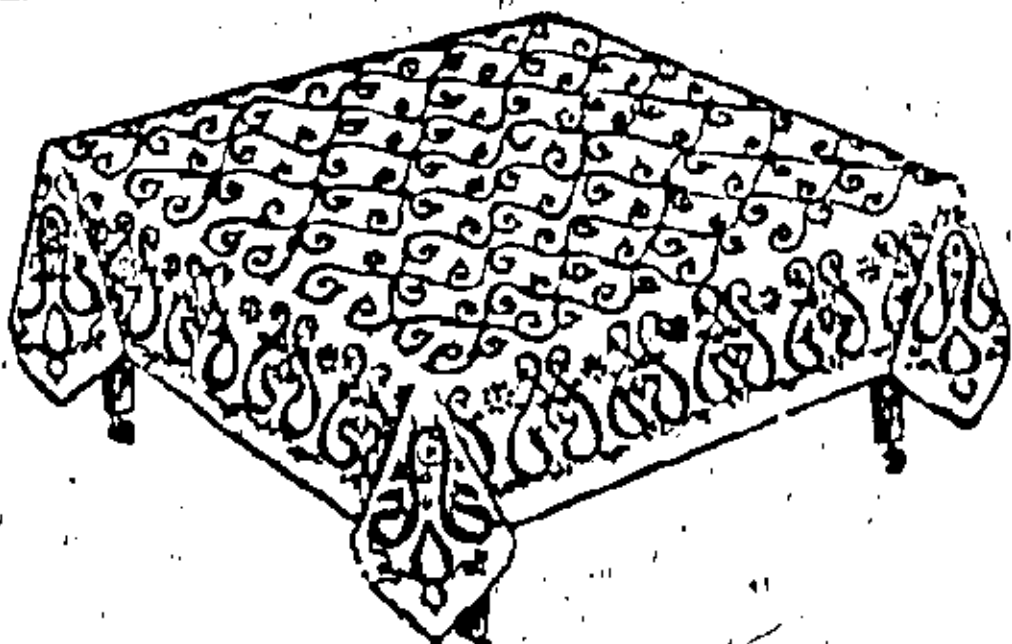
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WOMAN'S PAGE

FOLK RECIPES.

FROM "THE SCOTS KITCHEN."

Do you know what powsowdie is? Or cabbie claw, rumbledethumps, or a whim-wham?

Powsowdie is Meg Dod's recipe for sheep's head broth. The ingredients are sheep's head and trotters, mutton, barley, peas, carrots, turnips, onions, and parsley.

Cabbie claw is codfish salted for a short time, boiled with horse-radish and parsley, and eaten with egg sauce.

Rumbledethumps. Use boiled potatoes and cabbage in approximately equal quantities. Chopped chives or cooked onions are often added. The mixture may be put into a pudding-dish, covered with grated cheese, and browned in the oven.

To the "Land o' Cakes and Sister Scot, I'ma Maidenkirk to Johnnie Groat's and over the Firth to Orkney" is the dedication of a fascinating book, "The Scots Kitchen with Old-Time Recipes," by F. Marian McNeill, published at 7s. 6d. by Blackie & Son, Ltd., where these recipes are given.

Sidelights on Scottish social history form no small part of the interest of this volume, which contains an unusual collection of over 200 recipes for Scottish dishes.

Whim-whams are mentioned by Scott in "The Bride of Lammermoor." Mrs. Dalglairn's recipe is given in this cookery book. It takes: cream, white wine, lemon, Naples biscuit, red currant jelly, candied citron and orange peel to make a whim-wham, and this is how you do it:

Sweeten a quart of cream and mix with it a teaspoonful of white wine and the grated peel of a lemon; whisk to a froth, which drain upon the back of a sieve and put part into a deep glass dish; cut some Naples biscuits as thin as possible, and put a layer lightly over the froth and one of red currant jelly, then a layer of froth and one of biscuit and jelly; finish with the froth and pour the remainder of the cream into the dish and garnish with citron and candied orange peel cut into straws.

An Orkney receipt for sour-skons gives the following ingredients: Oatmeal, flour, baking soda, sugar, caraway seeds, buttermilk.

Soak some oatmeal in buttermilk for a few days, then take it and beat it up with flour, into which you have stirred a little baking soda—allow roughly a teaspoonful to each pound of oatmeal and flour, sugar to taste (do not over-sweeten), and a few caraway seeds. Make into a soft dough, roll out, and bake on the griddle.

DOES YOUR CHILD SPEAK BADLY?

It will frequently be found that a child is an indistinct speaker, even when there is no physical disability to account for the defect.

The mistake is sometimes made to attempt to cure this fault by means of ridicule.

Generally speaking, the child who is up against this difficulty is a highly strung, very sensitive atom of humanity, and it will simply intensify the trouble if he is laughed at.

To attempt to curb him by making fun of his efforts, particularly before strangers, is sheer cruelty.

He must be taken seriously as man to man. Teach him to read aloud, slowly and with due care, exaggerating the sounds even. Verse is better than prose for this exercise, as the rhythm is more regular.

Practice While Playing.

In the case of small children, the best results are usually obtained by converting these exercises into games.

Often it is the imitative instinct of the child which has led him astray, and this can just as easily be used to put him on the right road.

Perhaps your child, like little Paul Dombey, loves to listen to the unchanging syllables of the sea-waves. A little suggestion can soon convert the droning, monotonous rhythm to appear like almost any given sound.

The Wave-Rhythm.

This can become a most enthralling game at the seaside. The sound, which is to be fixed in the child's mind, should be clearly and musically repeated, keeping time to the swish of the waves.

Coaxed on in this way it will sometimes be found that the youngster will chant or sing a sound correctly before he can speak it. Encourage him to do this.

Once he learns to enunciate his syllables clearly in singing, he is on the high road to success with his speaking.

Everyday Exercise.

Sometimes a happy comparison will accomplish more than the work of months.

There was the case of one four-year old child, who would make not the slightest effort to utter an "r." Then a day came when his teacher brightly asked him if he had ever heard an engine run, and immediately the child responded with an "r-r-r-r."

Invite a fanciful child to listen to a peal of bells, and suggest that the bells are booming out the exact sound you wish to fix in his consciousness. This method is particularly successful with the liquid "l."

"MERRY AMERICA."

"OUR DANCING DAUGHTERS."

"A MOST CURIOUS FILM" AT THE QUEEN'S.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Our Dancing Daughters" is a most curious film. It is on the surface a gay picture of the jazz-mad youth of America and is told to the accompaniment of the saxophone and the cocktail shaker. Beneath it is a sordid tragedy.

The theme is claimed to be the influence of environment, and we are introduced to three young women and their mothers. Diana's parents are rich and indulgent, her mother is her friend and at heart as young and gay as her child. To Diana comes disappointment in love and a doubtfully happy ending. Beatrice, also rich, has a strict and unsympathetic mother. She makes "a mistake," which haunts her and ruins her married happiness. Anne is not so well off and has a scheming mother with whom she fights hourly, and Anne playing, under her mother's coercion, the demure little mien in a world of jazz-mad hoydens, secures a wealthy husband. To Anne finally comes disclosure of her real nature and a horrible death.

The "moral" is, I suppose, that Diana's environment was the best, but as the story is told, it is more by good luck than anything else that she at last reaches happiness in marriage with Ben, the husband of Anne, a happiness which would be, I should imagine, haunted by that dead wife.

Diana is played very well by Joan Crawford. Diana is an incorrigible flirt, and certainly behaves in a way which is asking for trouble, but she has, as Miss Crawford shows her on the screen, a gaiety and innocence of heart which wins your sympathy.

Dorothy Sebastian, as Beatrice, does perhaps even better. Beatrice is more true to life than Diana despite her "mistake" and her faults, and she has a warm impulsive nature. Anne, who is of course not intended to be sympathetic, is capably played by Anita Page.

The picture moves quickly and the strange modernistic settings are interesting, but it is scarcely cheerful fare, despite the spurious gaiety.

H.K. VOLUNTEER CORPS.

COMMANDANT'S ORDERS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., O.B.E., COMMANDANT.]

No. 31/29.

1.—Musketry Programme:

September to December, 1929.

Table "T" Machine and Rifle at Stonecutters Range.

Sunday. Units. Remarks.

1. 9.29.—Portuguese Co. Table T Rifle.

8. 9.29.—The Battery and Signals. Table T Rifle.

15. 9.29.—Machine Gun Co. Table T Machine Gun.

22. 9.29.—Scottish Co. Table T Machine Gun.

29. 9.29.—M.I. Co. and Armoured Car Co. Table T Machine Gun.

6. 10.29.—Engineer and Reserve Cos. Table T Rifle.

13. 10.29.—Portuguese Co. Table T Rifle.

20. 10.29.—The Battery & Signals. Table T Rifle.

27. 10.29.—Machine Gun Co. Table T Machine Gun.

3. 11.29.—Scottish Co. Table T Machine Gun.

10. 11.29.—M.I. Co. and Armoured Car Co. Table T Machine Gun.

17. 11.29.—Camp.

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15. 12.29.—Engineer & Reserve Cos. Table T Rifle.

22. 12.29.—Casuals. Table T Machine Gun.

29. 12.29.—Casuals. Table T Machine Gun.

The Battery in Camp—15.12.29 and 22.12.29.

2.—Athletic Sports Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Sports Sub-Committee on Wednesday, August 7, at 5.45 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

3.—Holiday.

Monday, August 5, 1929, will be observed as holiday, no parades will be held on that day.

4.—Corps Band.

There will be a full band practice in multi at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday, August 6 and 9, 1929.

5.—The Battery.

On Tuesday's commencing Tuesday, August 6, at 5.45 p.m. a series of six lectures will be given by the Staff of the Captain I.G. While attendance at these lectures is voluntary and will not count as parades it is hoped that a large proportion of members will attend.

6.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, August 8, 1929. Parade at Riding School at 5.30 p.m.

7.—Machine Gun Company.

N.C.O.'s instruction classes will recommence on Tuesday, August 6, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters in multi. Platoon and Section Commanders are asked to see that all their N.C.O.'s turn up, also any other ranks interested. Recruits parades will recommence on Friday, August 9, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. Dress: Multi, belt and sidearms.

8.—Scottish Company.

Pipe Band.—The Pipe and Drums will parade at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, for practice.

In order to bring the Band up to strength, arrangements have been made for holding classes in Piping under Piper Major Macleod. Will members of the Corps who wish to take advantage of these classes please send in their names to Captain Alistair Mackenzie or the Adjutant as soon as possible.

9.—Portuguese Company.

Friday, August 2, 1929. N.C.O.'s Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

10.—Strength.

The following recruit has been taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1488 Pte. S. Machider, No. 2 Platoon, as from July 30, 1929.

11.—Command.

No. 1974 B.S.M. E. P. Streetfield takes over command of The Battery from Lieut. C. Peake Anderson, M.C., as from July 10, 1929.

12.—Transfer.

Captain T. Addis Martin is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, as from July 1, 1929.

13.—Leave.

No. 1352 Pte. S. M. West, No. 1 Platoon, from August 1, 1929, to April 30, 1930.

14.—Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from July 31, 1929.—No. 142 Pte. C. A. D. Melbourne, Reserve Company.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.O.

Hong Kong, August 2, 1929.

COUPLE FOUND DEAD.

A double tragedy, involving the deaths of an East Indian merchant and his wife, in one of Glasgow's most select neighbourhoods, was discovered a few days ago.

The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Speirs, of Leven-street, and the tragedy was discovered by a plumber, who, at the request of a maid, forced an entrance to the house.

Mr. Speirs, who was seventy-five years of age was lying dead in the dining-room with a wound in the throat. Mrs. Speirs, who had evidently been shot without warning, was sitting dead in a chair in the same room.

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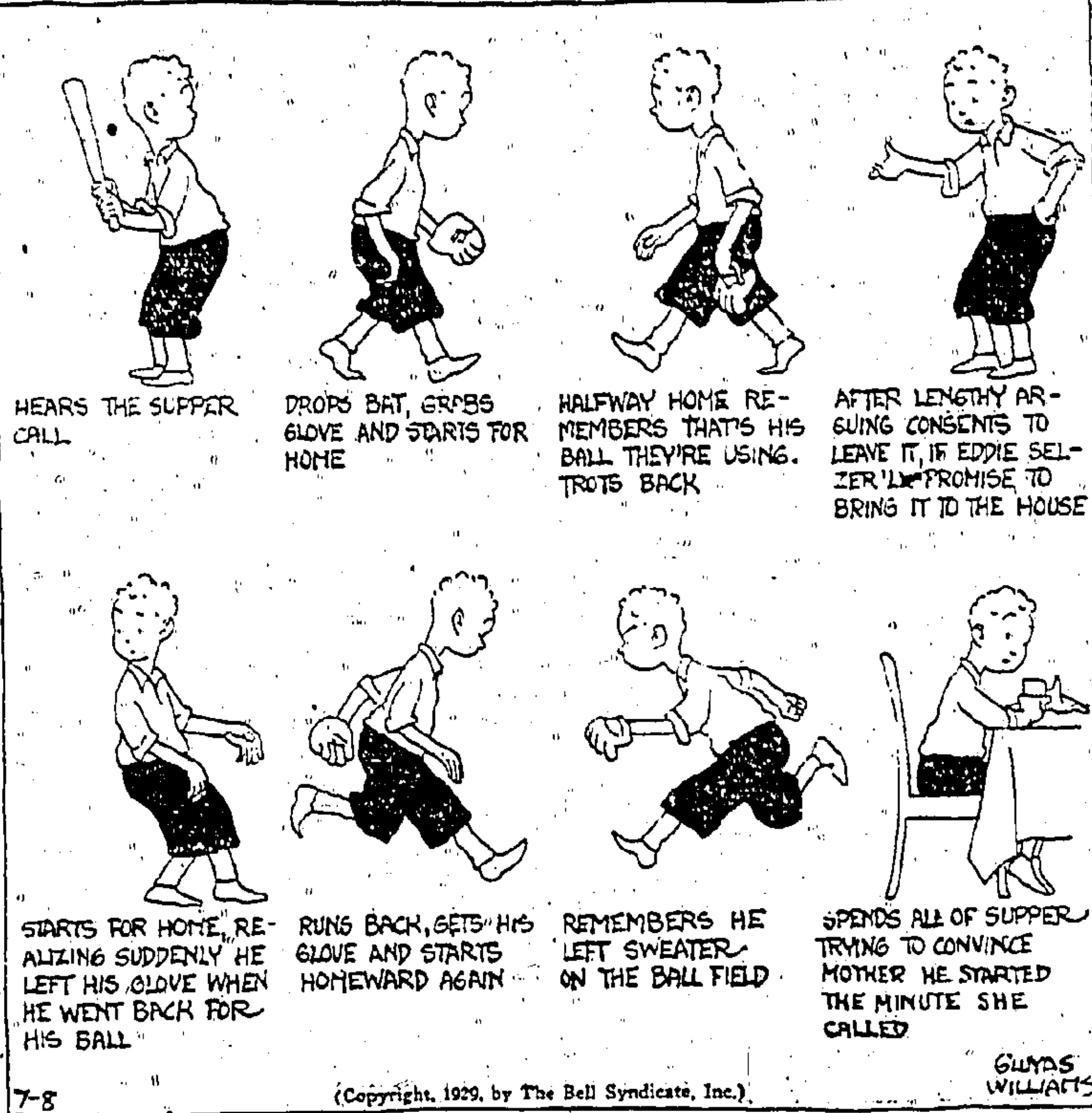
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"I hear you gave the bride away."

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First Movie Star: "That chap going there is my double."

Second Movie Star: "That's a coincidence. The fellow with him is my voice!"

Chairman (at banquet): "How long will you talk?"

Speaker: "About five minutes."

Chairman: "Couldn't you make it 10 minutes? We want to clear the room for dancing."

Lady (engaging passage by airplane): "Are you sure I will be brought back safely?"

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Perkins: "I say, a pal of mine bought a dog for a quid, and then sold him. How much did he lose?"

Parks: "What did he sell him for?"

Perkins: "Chewing the piano leg."

Mrs. Poppem: "What! You're going to sell out and marry that arse-end of yours? What on earth are you going to live on?"

Mrs. Flynn: "We'll be all right. The poor fellow owes me enough to keep us in comfort for years."

Little Jane, daughter of an automobile salesman, paid a visit to a neighbouring family where she saw a set of triplets for the first time.

Hurriedly returning home, she triumphantly announced, "Oh, Mother! The Joneses have twins—and a spare!"

They had argued for an hour, and at last he gave in.

"Very well," he told his wife, "have the fur coat, if you insist. But I tell you frankly, it means the workhouse for me."

"Thank you, darling," cried his wife. "And just think of the impression I shall make when I wear the coat to visit you there!"

The Victorian grandparent gazed disapprovingly on his young granddaughter.

"Art, my dear," he said, pointing an accusing finger at her lips, "art cannot improve on nature."

"Oh, rot, old bean," she cried, cheerily. "Think how perfectly come you'd look without your false teeth!"

Students of an English class in a college were asked to make out a list of subjects for compositions which they would like to write. One girl submitted the following: "One Wonderful Hour," "The Happiest Moment of My Life," "My Ideal Man," "Moonlight."

"But I am not satisfied with this list," she told the class after reading her suggestions. "Somehow everything I think of seems so—so practical."

A young woman was sent by her father to buy a number of neckties. She was fairly certain of the kind she wanted, and, in any case, did not want too much help from the assistant.

But the latter was a pressing youth and had a deal of advice to give; also he tried to be bright, and succeeded in annoying his customer.

"There," he remarked, with a knowing smile, "I'm sure he'll like those. All young men like them."

The girl glanced at the ties indifferently; then—

"Oh, he's not so young as you are," she said, sweetly. "He's a full-grown man!"

"How do you like your new French music teacher, Helen?"

"He's a very polite man. When I made a mistake yesterday, he said: 'Pray, mademoiselle, why do you take such pains to improve on Beethoven!'"

They had strolled on to the terrace and were leaning, very close together, over the balustrade.

"Darling," said he, "in the moonlight your eyes glisten like pearls."

"Oh?" said she, coldly. "And when were you out in the moonlight with Pearl?"

Mother: "And now tell me what you meant by saying I was your aunt when you introduced Mr. White to me?"

Daughter: "Forgive me, mother; but Mr. White appears to be on the point of proposing, and it would not do to run any risks just now. He has a strong prejudice against mothers-in-law."

The new salesman, although very enthusiastic, could not be described as altogether convincing.

"This," he said, "is one of the finest blankets produced to-day. In material and in construction it is far above anything at present on the market. For the price there is nothing to touch it."

"What is the price?" his customer inquired.

"Just a minute and I will inquire," was the reply.

Two men, having got into conversation at a private dance, became very friendly.

"There are ways and means of getting into these private dances unasked," remarked the younger man. "Now, I had no invitation."

"Neither had I," replied the other.

"Really! How did you manage it?" asked the young man, in a surprised tone.

"I'm the host," came the reply.

Mrs. Tugson had bought a perambulator on payments. Month after month she visited the store to meet the instalments. Finally the day arrived when it was all paid, and the assistant felt called upon to notice it.

"I shall miss you, Mrs. Tugson. You've been such a regular customer. Er—how's the baby getting along?"

"She gave a pleased smile."

"Very well, thank you. He's getting married next week."

Among the guests at the private hotel was a lovely young matron and her three-year-old daughter, the latter a serious-minded infant and not in the least spoiled by the undisguised admiration of which she was centre.

"One day, after lunch, the guests were assembled in the lounge, and the little girl approached one of the male boarders, a self-conscious bachelor in the dubious forties."

"Mr. Wilson," she said, "will you do something for me?"

"Of course I will, my dear."

"Please go up to our room and look in the upper drawer of the wardrobe on the right-hand side under mamma's undies, and there's a box of chocolates. Please bring me down one."

What's Wrong With The Fire Brigade?

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THE FIRE BRIGADE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I have read your excellent leader to-day apropos the Hong Kong Fire Brigade. Does it not occur to you, Sir, that a great deal of dissatisfaction among the men, causing them, to resign or desert, could be traced to the fact that they are considerably underpaid for the work they are expected to do? I understand that some of the men only receive \$13 per month. If this is true, what can you expect?—Yours, etc.,

OBSERVER.

Hong Kong, August 1.

[Undoubtedly the question of pay is partly responsible for the serious discontent existing in the brigade, but there are other reasons, some of which were specifically mentioned in our comment yesterday, while some were hinted at. We have cause to believe that inquiry is about to be made into certain recent incidents.—Ed.]

FOR A BRIGHTER HONG KONG.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Reading the article in your paper under the heading "Better Pictures Society," it appears to me how much more useful it would be to form a Committee to censor our cats and drinks. The Committee could arrange with the Dairy Farm and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotel, etc., to test all foodstuffs. The object of the Committee would be to use its influence with:—

(a.)—The Dairy Farm.

- (1) To see that all milk contains at least 3 per cent. cream with a view to increasing this percentage.
 - (2) Meat to be hung the correct length of time before being delivered to purchasers.
 - (3) Water test for eggs to encourage hens to lay eggs large enough to fit any normal sized egg-cup.
- First the Committee should decide "what is a normal sized egg-cup?"
- (4) To inspect pigs before being killed in order to ascertain that rashes of bacon will contain equal layers of meat and fat.

(b.)—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotel, etc.

- (1) To see that all "horses' necks" have the required "kick."
 - (2) All Martins to contain at least 10 per cent. "Alk."
 - (3) To regulate the number of peas in pea-soup.
 - (4) To give reports on the menus which should be published in the papers under the heading: "Tips for to-day."
- Special 1.30 p.m. Tornado Chassers, if accepted; otherwise keep your eye on "Chow Fan."

The Committee should meet at least twice a week at Fokfulan and Bessie's. All tests should be free of charge, and with regard to "horses' necks," etc., we think that a fair test would be that the chief taster who has had at least five years' experience must pass out at least by the eighth.

The reporting Committee could consist of ten members, four to be chosen annually, and the remaining six to be chosen every month. This Committee should consist of an equal number of either sex.

There is no limit to the good that such a Committee could do, and in the event of such a Committee being formed, what about a Cleaner Coal Cookies' Society? Since it was Mr. Mancini's remarks that started all this controversy I would suggest that he be given a permanent seat on the Committee.

Thanking you in anticipation, for inserting this letter.—Yours, etc.,

NOT A PICTURE GOER.

Hong Kong, August 1.

FOOTBALL MATTERS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I beg you will kindly spare me a little space in your esteemed paper, re football matters at yesterday's Council meeting.

I am sure many of your readers cannot find any concrete reasons given by the Council for turning down the question of the proposed charitable competition, other than that the almighty and supreme Council think that they were slighted because they were informed a bit too late (one hour).

I hope the Council will realise that many people are anxious to see football in some competition before October, and now there are eight various Clubs who are willing to play, and this charitable competition will in no way interfere with the season of the H.K.F.A.; therefore why should they not allow others to do what they have considered that they themselves cannot do?

If the Association has no control of friendly games between any of the affiliated Clubs, why should they claim the supreme control of charity games, and turn these games down when they like? Do they mean that only they themselves can arrange charity games and run charitable competitions, and no one else is allowed to do any charitable work? Surely anything given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is very deserving. It is an institution more than fifty years old, and looks after about 200 poor local families without any discrimination of nationality or creed. Besides, I have learned that the gate receipts of this proposed competition are intended to be shared with several institutions, as the M.C.L. and the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, etc.

In conclusion, I hope the H.K.F.A. will not be so haughty as to think that they were slighted when they were informed a bit late, and not be so narrow-minded and ridiculous.

Yours, etc.,

BROAD-MINDED.

Hong Kong, August 1.

PERAK MINING TRAGEDY.

NUMBER OF DEAD STILL UNKNOWN.

According to latest advices from Singapore, the number of dead in the Johar tin mining disaster, on July 29 is still unknown. One report gives the number of fatalities as 23 Chinese, three of whom were women. On the other hand, rumours are current that the number killed probably exceeds fifty.

The depth of the mine is about 120 feet and, owing to a landslide said to be caused by excessive drought, the whole hillside suddenly collapsed engulfing plant and workers without warning. Rescue operations were made difficult by the quantity of earth that had fallen and by the fact that another and larger fall was imminent.

According to the Straits Times, further mining may have to be abandoned at this spot.

The land belongs to Johar Tin, Ltd., but it had been sub-leased to the Kong Si, the head of which is Mr. Lai Weng Hui, the proprietor of the Ipoh branch of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

JUNK'S CARGO OF WINE.

ALLEGED EVASION OF DUTY.

A case in which a Chinese junk master was charged with unlawful possession of tobacco and wine on board his junk in Capatunum Pass, came before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Import and Export Office, prosecuted.

His Worship pointed out that by declaring the spirits within four hours of his arrival in port the defendant would have fulfilled the requirements of the Ordinance.

Mr. Taylor replied that the importation of liquor by a boat of the size of the defendant's was prohibited by regulation.

His Worship remarked that it was a question of whether the liquor was imported. The defendant was within the waters of the Colony but had claimed that he was only passing through.

Mr. Taylor replied that in that event defendant would have papers from the port he had left.

His Worship asked if that would be so in every case, and Mr. Taylor replied that it would not.

Mr. Taylor remarked that according to Chinese regulations no fishing boat was allowed to carry cargo. When the defendant was first questioned by the police sergeant he denied that he had any cargo on board.

"Importation."

Mr. Whyte Smith said that the definition of "importation" included bringing liquor into the Colony but he thought what the Ordinance really meant was evasion of duty.

Mr. Taylor replied that once a man was in the waters of the Colony on a prohibited boat it was "importation." As far as his Department was concerned, Mr. Taylor said that the liquor was in the boat and it was prohibited boat.

His Worship pointed out that he would like to feel, should he convict, that it was on no more than technical grounds. The Regulation and Ordinance was framed to prevent people from evading duty. The point was, therefore, whether the defendant was trying to evade duty, if one assumed that he was passing through and not going to land in Hong Kong.

Adjourned for Consultation.

Mr. Taylor said that defendant had no clearance papers. Every boat carried clearance papers from the port from which it sailed.

His Worship remarked that he would like to be satisfied before he convicted that he was not infringing any International Law.

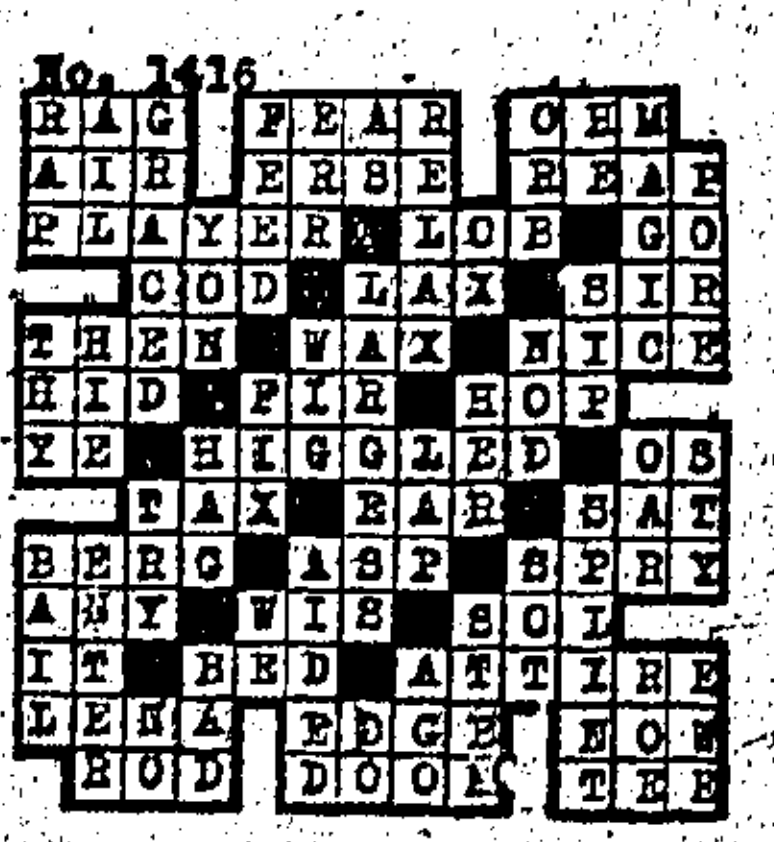
The case was then adjourned until this morning for Mr. Taylor to consult the Crown Solicitor, Mr. E. K. Holmes, his Worship remarking that he would like to hear some argument on the international aspect of the case.

collapsed engulfing plant and workers without warning. Rescue operations were made difficult by the quantity of earth that had fallen and by the fact that another and larger fall was imminent.

According to the Straits Times, further mining may have to be abandoned at this spot.

The land belongs to Johar Tin, Ltd., but it had been sub-leased to the Kong Si, the head of which is Mr. Lai Weng Hui, the proprietor of the Ipoh branch of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



ANOTHER CANTON
EXPLOSION.

HAND-GRENADES, ETC.

MAGAZINE STRUCK BY
LIGHTNING?

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 1.
Another very serious explosion occurred here yesterday afternoon at about half past one at the Hai Tung Monastery Magazine. The official explanation is that a high tension electric wire was cut by a flash of lightning during a short but very violent storm which was raging at the time. The wire crashed onto the floor of the magazine where the high explosives of the 5th Route Army are kept and formed in earth, more or less short circuiting the mains.

"The wire," according to an official report, "hissed violently and emitted showers of sparks. A moment later it came into contact with the high explosives stored in the room, setting them on fire and causing a terrific explosion. This ignited 5,000 or so hand-grenades kept in one corner of the department. The rapid explosions which followed were like an artillery bombardment and the sky was filled with flying steel, dust and debris."

The details of the mishap given to the public with this wealth of detail and verisimilitude, are an intelligent reconstruction of events, for in actual fact no one was in the magazine at the time. But as every possible precaution was always taken, such an accident could only have been caused by something altogether impossible to guard against—the kind of thing in fact which an intelligent British jury calls "an Act of God." The explosion most fortunately chose to take place during the dinner hour when the workmen, engaged in the magazine, some hundred in all, were quietly consuming their meal at a safe distance. Three people passing in a street close by were hurt by falling fragments but these were the only casualties.

BRIGADE WORK UNDER
DIFFICULTIES.

The fire brigade, in response to an emergency call, arrived at the compound when the explosions were at their height. Great difficulty was experienced in getting water, for there are no pipes in Honan, where the magazine was located. The rain, which had been coming down in torrents immediately before the explosion, had practically ceased, but suction pipes were led to nearby wells, and a fair supply obtained. But the continual explosion of the hand-grenades and the shattering of steel and bricks rendered the task of the fire fighters extraordinarily difficult. They fought for over two hours before they could get the fire under control.

Meanwhile people in the vicinity of the magazine were panic-stricken. They ran out of their houses, carrying their children and whatever belongings they could pick up on the spur of the moment. Practically all the people in Tung Fook Tai Street rushed out to safety. Fortunately, strict order was maintained by the Police and the military and no stealing of any sort took place.

Subsequent investigations by Military Headquarters showed that the loss was in the neighbourhood of \$150,000. Fortunately, a small detached building where by far the greater part of the explosives were kept was not affected. This place was about 50 feet away. Observers said that if this magazine had caught fire, a large part of Honan would have been reduced to ashes.

AUGUST 1 PASSES
QUIETLY.

CANTON, August 1.
Despite all the threats of Communists and Kuomintang extremists, August 1 passed off quietly. Special police precautions are in evidence, but at the time of writing there is no sign of trouble.

THE KING EDWARD
HOTEL.

TO BE PULLED DOWN.

USE OF SITE NOT DECIDED.

It was learned authoritatively yesterday by a representative of the Daily Press, that the King Edward Hotel, which was gutted by fire in March last, will be pulled down shortly and a new building erected on the present site.

The Hotel was put up in 1902, and had, until the beginning of this year, ranked as one of the most imposing buildings in the heart of the Colony. The whole of its interior was destroyed by fire last March and it is learned that whatever steps the owners might take in future, the present building will not stand.

The site is certainly one of the best in the Colony and it looks as if Hong Kong is going to see yet another improvement in the matter of big buildings. The delay in deciding what form the new building will take is due to certain insurance and other matters arising out of the recent fire not being definitely settled.

Other New Buildings.

Work on the Hong Kong Hotel site is progressing rapidly and the whole of the area has been cleared. On the site between Ice House Street and Duddell Street, pile driving operations are in full swing, as everyone in the district is painfully aware, and by the end of next year, the new building is expected to be completed.

CANTON'S IMPROVED
CURRENCY.PLENTY OF SILVER AND NOTES
AT PAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 1.

The local branch of the Central Bank of China has to-day reopened its department for exchange of notes for silver. For the present only notes of one dollar denomination are redeemable at face value owing to the shortage of silver in the vaults. Banknotes of other denominations will, however, be redeemable in the very near future, in fact, as soon as the Canton Mint has turned out enough coins to warrant the move. This date, according to the authorities, is not far off as the Mint has been working day and night. The present rate of exchange of the Government notes other than the one dollar denomination is about 95 cents silver to the paper dollar. But thanks to growing confidence in all circles coupled with the deflation policy of the Government, it is expected that the notes will be at par before very long. In fact in many business houses, especially restaurants and patent medicine shops, large sign boards announce that they will accept the Government banknotes at full value.

The average daily output of the Canton Mint at the present time is in the neighbourhood of \$300,000. About \$3,500,000 was coined and placed in the vaults of the Bank during the month of July. It is reported that the Nanking Ministry of Finance is sending to Canton 4,000,000 ounces of silver bullion and that 2,000,000 ounces has already arrived.

The Government has also issued an edict to the effect that no one will be permitted to discount banknotes. Any violation of this edict will be severely punished.

DEATH OF MR. HO WING
TSUN.COMPRADORE OF THE
BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

The death occurred yesterday at his residence, No. 121, Robinson Road, of Mr. Ho Wing Tsun, who, for the last twenty-four years, had been compradore of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine.

Mr. Ho, who was fifty-five years of age, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Until recently Mr. Ho Wing Tsun was a member of the governing body of the Po Leung Kuk and a director of the Tung Wah Hospital, and he had also served on the General Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

AUTOMATIC PHONES
IN MACAO.SYSTEM NEARING
COMPLETION.SUBSCRIBER'S FEE ONLY \$5
A MONTH.

The Siemens China Company are to be congratulated upon the speed with which they have been installing the automatic telephone system at Macao. Work has now commenced on the final stages and it is expected that the system will be in operation all over Macao within two or three months.

The contract between the Government of Macao and the Company provided for the setting up of a service capable of carrying two thousand lines; but of this number only one thousand will come immediately into operation. Lines to all points in the colony were laid along the principal routes by subterranean cables some months ago, since when work has been proceeding with the connections and wiring at the Exchange.

Preparations for the final stages of the work at the Exchange have been going on for some months, and a few days ago the remaining parts of the equipment arrived from Europe, and with them expert engineers of the Siemens China Company from North China to complete the final and most complicated connections.

In the Post Office Building.

Macao's Telephone Exchange will be in the new Post Office Building which is itself under construction. The telephone department, which will occupy a special extension of the edifice, is an official undertaking and comes under the direct control of the Postmaster-General.

The system is automatic in every way and each caller will "dial" his own number, without being in any way interfered with by "Central." From the demand for new telephones it would appear that the public are anticipating a good service, and the Siemens Company's name is sufficient assurance that the equipment will satisfy all requirements.

Moderate Charges.

Prices for rental of the new telephones are exceedingly moderate. In the case of phones to private residences only \$5 monthly will be charged, while telephones to commercial establishments will be called upon to pay slightly more. No distinction will be made where the subscriber lives at a distance, from the Exchange.

The cost of machinery and the work of installation will be included in the \$100,000, which the Siemens China Company accepted for putting in the system. This works out at about \$500 for each telephone, which is believed to be an exceedingly moderate price.

To ensure an efficient working of the service, as well as that of the Wireless, which is also under the Postmaster-General, a special course is being given to a number of young men by skilled instructors.

K.O.S.B.'S MOVEMENTS.

TO LEAVE IN FEBRUARY.

We understand that the departure of the 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B.'s, from the Colony which was to have been in October has been cancelled. The Battalion will probably sail for India in February of next year.

In the meantime, we are informed that a considerable percentage of the battalion have almost completed their period of service with the colours and will probably be relieved under the troping scheme instead of proceeding to India.

Lt-Col. Comyn, the Colonel Commanding, is at present on leave in England and Major Lake is in command of the Battalion in Hong Kong.

RESERVOIR STORAGE
1,050 M.G.MORE WATER FOR TYTAM
TUK.

The Island reservoirs showed at 7 a.m. yesterday 32 million gallons increase in storage, bringing the total contents up to 1,050 million gallons.

Tytam Byewash, the smallest of the reservoirs began to overflow into Tytam Tuk on Wednesday afternoon. It had been receiving overflow from Tytam at 6 p.m. on Monday.

Tytam Tuk, by far the biggest reservoir in the system is still 58 feet below overflow, but that compares very well with the 105 feet at the beginning of last month.

Each foot represents about 20 m.g. of water. Mr. B. Purves, P.W.D. engineer, again emphasized to Pressmen that the position did not warrant a rider main service. In any case so many taps had been stolen and other damage done that it would take some time to get the system in working order.

MINDEN DAY.

K.O.S.B.'S CELEBRATE.

JAY AND I AT TAI WAN.

[By "RAMBLER"]

Yesterday was Minden Day when the officers and men of the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers sported red roses in their helmets and generally made merry in celebration of the glorious part played by the K.O.S.B.'s (then the 25th Foot) at the Battle of Minden, in 1759.

I endeavoured to impress Jay with the prowess of the 25th Foot at Minden as we toiled our weary way along Tai Wan Road in the direction of the Kowloon Dock R.C.'s beach. But Jay was not impressed. Pausing a moment to remove a flint from the eye, he showered blessings upon the head of old Chinese grannie who was chiselling kerbstones from the hillside. He said there would be a far worse battle if that sort of thing continued.

Aquatic Sports.

The K.O.S.B.'s were enjoying the spectacle of their officers and sergeants half-drowning each other in a game of water polo. If science was lacking, there was certainly plenty of vigour in the game.

"I bet that's the Sergeant-Major!" exclaimed Jay in a pleased tone of voice as he pointed to an individual wearing four lifebelts and a billycock hat who was in the centre of the fray and couldn't get out of it. "Trust a Sergeant-Major to be bullet-proof, cuss-proof, and proof against drowning!"

"You're wrong!" snapped a cold voice in our rear. "That happens to be the referee." The Sergeant-Major, fully dressed, was behind us. Jay forced a sickly smile and shook the Sergeant-Major's hand by way of reconciliation.

Guarding the Goal.

The helmsman sergeant and the helmsman officer had been selected to guard the respective goals. This they did very effectively by sitting on the goal posts and forcing the ball under water every time the players also seemed to know a trick or two and did not hesitate to "duck" the more energetic opponents frequently to dampen their ardour.

"Walking the greasy pole" was the next item. In order to observe this competition more clearly, Jay and I accepted the Sergeant-Major's invitation to board a pontoon via a long plank which served as a gangway. Viewed from the shore, the plank looked about as wide as Nathan Road but the constant passage to and fro of bathers had made it slippery and the very first step that Jay and I took up in the swaying plank made us pause.

The second step we took more gingerly and held each other's hands in quite a brotherly manner. The third step was a mere shuffle. Then the plank tilted to the left. In a wild effort to restore its balance, we shuffled too much to the right and nearly joined the bathers. Jay tried to look dignified but the ladies tittered and the children applauded outright. Only the knowledge that the Sergeant-Major was looking at us with a mystic gleam in his eye made us finish the journey to the pontoon. We had "slid the plank" with a vengeance!

After the greasy pole competition, we returned to the shore in a sampan.

Chasing the Number.

Followed a game of "Chasing the Number." Discs bearing various numbers were thrown into the water and swimmers jumped in after them. The competitor who retrieved the number allotted to him first was declared the winner.

A footnote at the bottom of the rules of the race stated that any man finding a number not his own could throw it anywhere he pleased. "But that doesn't include my hat," complained Jay, as his topee became the target of an over-energetic competitor.

After the sports, which included children's races, everybody adjourned to adjacent marquees for tea.

"Here's how!" blurted Jay fraternally, clapping a phlegmatic-looking Corporal on the back. The indignant Corporal retrieved the standing part of a doughnut from the back of his throat and glared at Jay.

At Minden.

"Remember Minden!" exclaimed Jay. "No, I don't," replied the sad-faced Corporal. "I hadn't joined up then."

He walked sadly away and joined a knot of his comrades who were discussing what they would have done had they played polo against the Sergeants.

Jay and I went off in the direction of our bus and I resumed my discourse upon the battle of Minden.

Scotch Reels.

In the evening, Murray Parade Ground presented a brilliant spectacle. Are lights lit up a specially arranged dance-arena when various Highland dancing competitions were held.

THE LATE MR. T.
POLLARD.FUNERAL AT HAPPY
VALLEY.

MANY SYMPATHISERS.

The funeral of Mr. Thomas Pollard took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday in the presence of a large gathering.

As already recorded, Mr. Pollard was the representative of the North East Marine Engineering Company of Wallsend, and was specially sent out about two months ago to supervise the reassembling of Diesel engines on the motor vessel Raby Castle now in Kowloon Docks. He passed away in the Kowloon Hospital on Wednesday, after ailing from typhoid, almost as he was about to return home, where he leaves a wife and three children.

The Attendance.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave conducted the service at the graveside where there were present among others Messrs. R. M. Dyer (manager, Kowloon Docks), D. Keith, W. Greig, E. Cook, M.B.E., J. S. McIntosh, H. S. Scott, G. Cooper, S. Gray, J. Panchoon, J. Lindsay, J. McLaggan, J. C. Brown, J. Fraser, J. Crookdale, C. Atkinson, David Gow, Provost, Fletcher, Capt. Edward, Messrs. H. W. Harper, A. M. West, G. Taylor, E. Skilleorn, M. Cowper, R. C. Wilson, S. G. Smart, F. Turpie, N. W. Domoney, B. Jones, C. Kemp, W. Ratcliffe, Mr. Chisholm, Chief Engineer of the Raby Castle, was prevented from attending owing to illness.

Floral Tributes.

Two wreaths were inscribed "In loving memory from Wife and family" and "In loving memory from Mother." Included among the senders of other floral tributes were the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. David Gow, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Provost, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. F. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. W. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. Burrow, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, Eileen and Sonny.

Mr. P. T. and Miss Farrell, Mr. and Miss Panchoon, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Messrs. R. M. Dyer, Kenneth E. Greig, A. M. Simpson, E. Cook, J. P. Warren, J. M. McIntosh, H. G. Cooper, J. McLaggan, J. Crookdale, J. McLaggan, S. E. Valence (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co.), C. Mosé, T. S. Morrison (Lloyd's Surveyor), Dr. R. K. Valentine.

Capt. Edward, Messrs. J. R. Elliott, F. Turpie, N. W. Domoney, R. M. West, J. Mitchell, R. C. Wilson, J. E. Skilleorn, G. Taylor, H. W. Harper, W. Cooper, all of the m.v. Raby Castle.

North East Marine Engineering Co., Wallsend, Messrs. James Chambers & Co., Liverpool, Austral-Asia Navigation Co., Sydney, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Union Waterboat Co., Kowloon Dock Staff, Storekeepers and Greasers, m.v. Raby Castle, the Half Deck, m.v. Raby Castle, Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong, Members of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Gul Hai Mar & Co., Wang Kee & Co.

MR. F. W. MAZE AT MACAO.

CUSTOMS I.G. SEES MANY
IMPROVEMENTS.

Among visitors to Macao on Sunday, to was Mr. F. W. Maze, Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. Mr. Maze is on a special visit to Hong Kong and other places in South China.

Mr. Maze was last at Macao a good many years ago, and was very glad of the opportunity of visiting the Portuguese colony again. He was the guest at an informal luncheon party at His Excellency the Governor's residence after which he toured the city and then proceeded by motor car along the Macao-Shanghai Highway as far as Wong Mao Cheah to view the carvings to be seen there, made in the southern parts of Chung Shan district.

After spending a few hours sight-seeing in the company of Mr. José Nolasco, Commissioner at Macao of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and other friends, Mr. Maze returned to Hong Kong the same afternoon.

It is believed that Mr. Maze was pleasantly surprised at the many improvements to be seen at Macao since he last saw the Portuguese colony.

Vocal items were rendered by Mr. R. McA. McKeown and musical selections by the battalion band under the baton of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.B.C.M.

"Blue Bonnets Over the Border" and National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

ON SUNDAY and MONDAY, AUGUST 4th and 5th, the ASSOCIATION'S PATROLS will Not be On Duty at the Kowloon Ferry. They will be On Duty at 15th Miles on the Castle Peak Road, so that Members who wish to go Beyond, the Landslide can leave their Cars at that Point and proceed to their Destination by Bus. [8189]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of LO LIM YECK alias LU LIM IOC alias LO LIM YOK alias LOO LIM YOK alias LU KWONG CHAI alias YING SHAD, late of U U, Macao, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 30th DAY OF AUGUST, 1929.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before That Date.

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Administrator, 9, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. [8192]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of WILLIAM HUGH SPARKE, deceased.

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WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Executors, 9, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. [8193]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of BURJORJI CAWASJI SETHNA, deceased.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of CHARLES WILLIAM ALEXANDER, deceased.

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WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Executors, 9, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. [8195]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of BROOKE DAVID, deceased.

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WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Executors, 9, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. [8196]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RE L. M. WHYTE, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having any Claims against the Estate of the above-named deceased are requested to send the Particulars thereof as soon as possible to the Undersigned.

A. RITCHIE, c/o Lows, Bingham & Matthews, 3, Queen's Road Central, 1st August, 1929. [8187]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of ALICE CHRISTIANSEN, late of 42, HUMPHREYS, BUILDING, KOWLOON, in the Colony of Hong Kong, widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 1929.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before That Date.

DEACONS, Solicitors for the Administrator, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. [8198]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of JOHN MCCONNELL, late of COLLAGE GREEN HOUSE, 68, BOTANIC AVENUE, BELFAST, IRELAND, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 25th DAY OF AUGUST, 1929.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before That Date.

DEACONS, Solicitors for the Executors, No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. [8171]

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, 5th of AUGUST, 1929. Hong Kong, 30th July, 1929. [8185]

G. R.

NOTICE.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

OWING to the Suspected Presence of RABIES in that Part of the New Territory adjacent to CHINESE TERRITORY Members of the Public are Reminded that NO DOGS may be Brought to Another Part of the Colony from the New Territory Except by the Written Permission of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

This Regulation applies to Dogs taken into the New Territory on Bathing Picnics by Launch or Motor Car.

WALTER J. E. MACKENZIE, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, 30th July, 1929. [8181]

NOTICE.

AGENTS and OWNERS are Notified that SHIPPING SUPPLIES of WATER are Available Through the WATER BOAT COMPANIES at the Usual Rates.

By Order, H. S. ROUSE, Secretary, WATER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. [8186]

HONG KONG REALTY & TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Thirty Cents Per Share, in respect of the Year 1929, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 12th AUGUST, 1929, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on Application at the Company's Office, EXCHANGE BUILDING.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From TUESDAY, the 6th AUGUST, 1929, To SATURDAY, the 10th AUGUST, 1929 (Both Days inclusive) during which Period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

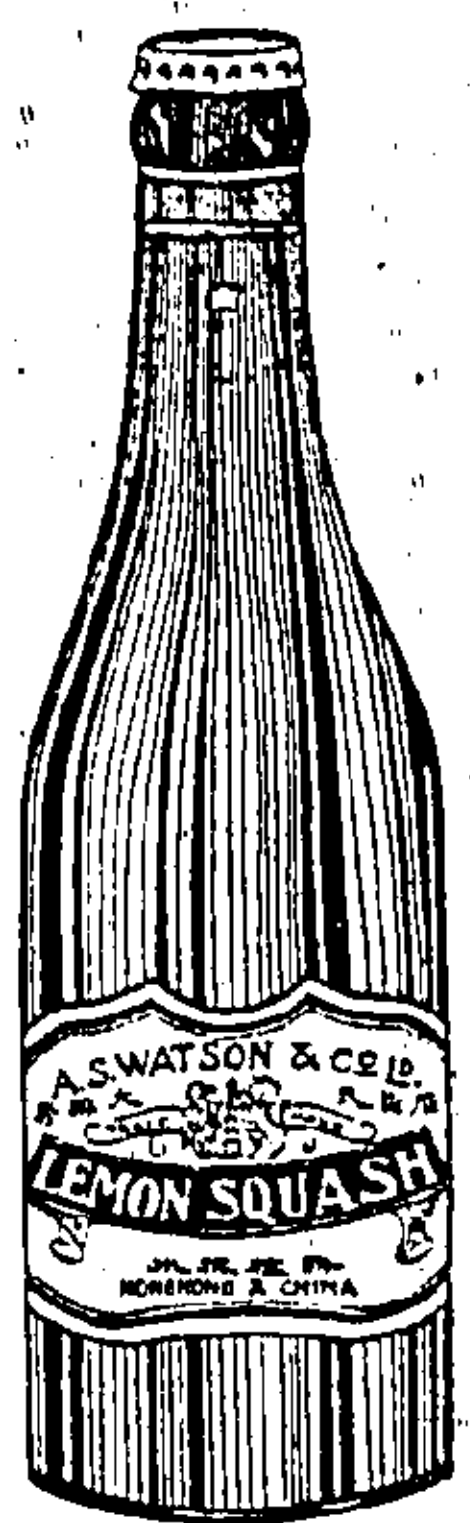
By Order of the Board of Directors, C. F. V. RIBEIRO, Acting Secretary, Hong Kong, 30th July, 1929. [8173]

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2904.	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.	N. S. E. W. As per sale plan.	About 15,000	104	7,500

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Yau Ma Tei, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2905.	Junction of Nathan Road and Kowloon Street.	N. S. E. W. As per sale plan.	About 18,110	250	90,500

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.05 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone over S. Japan has weakened. Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking. A depression appears to be moving north-eastward towards the Bonins.

Local Forecast:—S.W. or variable winds, moderate, cloudy, occasional rain.

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OVER-LOADED STEAMERS.

After an investigation lasting three months, judgment has been given in the Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the British steamer Vestris. From the cable summary of the finding, it appears that the vessel was in an unsafe condition when she sailed from New York, and unfit to encounter the perils of the sea. The Court also enumerated various contributory causes of the disaster—Loading the vessel beyond the loadline; the condition of the ship; the insufficient margin of stability and of buoyancy reserve; and the heavy weather, which caused a list. It is declared that the half-doors on the upper deck were not water-tight; but the lifeboats were in a seaworthy condition, and the arrangements for manning and launching them were efficient. The Vestris was efficiently officered and manned, and there was no lack of order and discipline among the crew, but there was some disorganization as a result of women and children being put into the boats first without a proper complement of men capable of handling these craft. The Court also considered that the Captain was unduly optimistic regarding the condition of his ship, and should have sent out the S.O.S. signal at 4 instead of 10 a.m. Finally, and most important, the Court found that those responsible for loading the Vestris at New York were guilty of a wrongful act, and their default was a contributory cause of the loss of the steamer. Mr. DAVID COOK (vice-president of Messrs. Sanderson & Sons, New York) has been ordered to pay £500 towards the cost of the inquiry. The other parties named are Mr. HARRY WHEELER, marine superintendent, and Capt. HASELEY, assistant marine superintendent, both with Messrs. Sanderson.

The Vestris, left New York on November 10 last year for Barbadoes and South American ports. The weather and sea were moderate, but shortly after the voyage commenced she took a list to starboard. The day following she was 214 miles from Sandy Hook by noon position, and the captain decided that she should be hoisted, presumably to ease the ship as wind and sea increased. After the vessel was stopped, she shipped water from a beam sea, and at 7.30 p.m. two very heavy seas struck her in succession; she took a severe roll to starboard and never recovered her upright position. Tanks were pumped dry, and instead, as the captain surmised, of the list being counteracted, it greatly increased the list to starboard. On the following morning she had a list of from 30 to 32 degrees. At 10 a.m. wireless signals were sent out for assistance, the position of the vessel being given, but unfortunately, as it turned out afterwards, the position given was incorrect. Efforts were made by the captain and officers to get out the port lifeboats and such boats as were possible were launched. There were 14 lifeboats, built to carry 800 persons. There were 761 lifeboats of two types, but 112 lives were lost. Her life-saving equipment was examined at New York before the commencement of the voyage. The bunker capacity of the Vestris was 2,760 tons, but the clearance papers showed that 3,018 tons of coal were on board. If 2,760 tons or thereabouts was right, she would have 1,500 tons of water in her.

In giving evidence before the Court, the general manager of Messrs. Lamport & Holt, Ltd. (owners of the Vestris) said the marine superintendent at New York would be responsible for seeing that the ship was loaded safely. The attention of this witness was drawn to some correspondence which had passed between the Board of Trade and Messrs. Lamport & Holt at the end of 1928. A letter was written from the Board calling attention to the fact that it appeared from entries in the official log of the Vestris that on her voyage ending July 29, 1928, the freeboard of the vessel was 3 ft. 11½ in. and asked for an explanation of this apparent overloading. On receipt of that letter the owners wrote to Messrs. Sanderson in New York, asking them to state how it was that the vessel was a foot below her marks. Messrs. Sanderson explained that the vessel left the wharf that way, but that before she proceeded to sea sufficient water was pumped out to bring her to her proper mark. The water was left in the vessel for reasons of stability and to meet the conditions in which the cargo was received, but the excess water was removed before she left the harbour. The letter added that, unfortunately, the entry in the log was made by the chief officer, who was not aware of the circumstances. In reply to further questions the witness said that when the Vestris left New York on her fatal voyage in a deeper draft than she should have had, he collected the correspondence which had taken place in 1928, because it occurred to him that the explanation then given—"which appeared quite satisfactory to us and seemed to have been acceptable to the Board of Trade"—was probably the explanation of the apparent submergence of the boat on this occasion, and that a similar incident had taken place. It was only when he asked for the log to be sent over, from New York, that he found an apparent discrepancy as compared with this explanation given in 1928 and passed on in all good faith to the Board of Trade.

Evidence was given at the inquiry concerning the practice of loading the ship whilst water was in her tanks; it was stated that this was done so that it could be pumped out before the ship left port. Mr. WHEELER said that the ship frequently left the wharf with her marks submerged, but it was understood between him and the master that the vessel could always be lightened to bring her to her marks. He worked to the loadline. Meetings were held at his office during the progress of loading. Witness could not remember whether the final meeting took place on the day the Vestris sailed, or the day before. It had been suggested by one witness that the master and officers had no opportunity at Hoboken of knowing what the details of the loading were. The officers were supposed to be on board, replied Mr. WHEELER; each one had some department consigned to him and was supposed to watch the progress of the work. If at any time he objected to what was being done he could speak to the foreman, and if that was not effective there were several other officials in authority to whom he could speak. No officer was ever discouraged from expressing an opinion. Witness did not agree to the suggestion that practically no regard was paid to the loading of the ships as to the weight and distribution of cargo. The officers could have obtained further information regarding the weight and distribution of cargo if they desired it. Witness said it was not the practice to give officers details of the weights of cargo loaded; the chief officer was given a cargo plan, but no weights were given. Asked how the captain or officer could judge the stability of his ship when he went to sea, Mr. WHEELER said:—"Well, if you were watching at a hold all day, and were sufficiently interested in your work, I think at the end of the day you would have some remote idea of how much cargo had gone in, also the nature of the cargo, and you could at least make a rough approximation of the weight." In regard to the overloading of the Vestris in October, Mr. WHEELER said he knew nothing about it; he was away on holiday when she sailed, but he agreed that if no corrections were made for salt water she sailed overloaded by 9½ inches.

Mr. JOHNSON, chief officer of the Vestris, in the course of his examination alleged that the vessel was overloaded, the cargo imperfectly stowed, and that motor-cars broke loose and entered the crew's quarters; he thought the ship was top-heavy. As regards the lifeboats, he explained that when lowered into the sea they could not be unhooked because they were not provided with disconnecting hooks in accordance with the latest regulations. There were contributory causes in his opinion that caused the loss of the ship. Regarding the question of loadline, the Attorney-General said a British ship, wherever she is, must comply with the loadline law, but so far as the United States are concerned there are no regulations regarding the loadline. There was little doubt that the mean draft of the Vestris was 27 ft. 2 in. Allowing for the difference between salt and fresh water, she was 8 inches below her marks when she started on her last voyage. It seems somewhat futile to pass regulations for the provision of lifeboats, rafts, and other appliances for the saving of life at sea when ships can go out overloaded in this manner. An international agreement regarding the strict observance of loadline regulations appears to be a much more urgent matter than other questions which have been discussed at recent conferences of maritime nations.

News and Views.

The Colony had a "clean bill of health" on Wednesday.

A meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce takes place this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The Hotel Savoy, which had been closed since the King Edward Hotel fire, re-opened for business yesterday. The whole place has been renovated and the lounge re-furnished.

There is said to be some doubt as to the eligibility of women to become members of the proposed Seaplane Flying Club in Hong Kong. We understand that women will be welcomed either as full flying members or associate members.

ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

READERS are reminded that inquiries relating to the share market are answered on page 9 every Tuesday by "Kufan." Letters should be sent to this office, and must be accompanied by writer's name and address, not for publication. Letters should be addressed to "Kufan," care of the Editor.

Sydney Gregory.

The late Sydney, Edward Gregory was one of the group of great Australian cricketers of pre-war days, being a colleague of such giants of the game as Trumper, Hill, Noble and Darling. Gregory, though not quite on the scale of those players, was for many years sure of his place in an Australian side and while a most successful and stylish batsman he is chiefly remembered as one of the greatest of cover-points. A modest and popular figure, the news of his death, while still a fairly young man, will be received with genuine regret by the older generation of cricketers all the world over.

Another Atlantic Record.

On the homeward run of her maiden voyage the D.N.L. liner Bremen has again broken a trans-Atlantic record. From New York she took 4 days, 14 hours, 30 minutes to reach Plymouth, a distance of approximately 3,100 miles. The Mauretania held the New York to Cherbourg record, 5 days, 1 hour, 49 minutes, but to reach the French port means a run of about another 100 miles east from Plymouth. The new German liner has now created a unique record for herself by breaking records on the outward and homeward voyage, in each case the previous best time being made by the Mauretania.

On Sunday and Monday next the A.A. patrols will be withdrawn from Kowloon and posted at the 15½ mile mark on the Castle Peak Road. Members wishing to proceed beyond this point (where the road is blocked by a landslide) can leave their cars there and proceed to their destination by motor-bus. Motorists patronising the beaches along this road will doubtless appreciate the advantage of being able to leave their cars under supervision of the A.A. patrols while they complete their journey in an unorthodox way.

The Water Supply.

Not until another twenty inches of rain has fallen will it be possible seriously to consider the removal of all restrictions upon the water supply. Suggestions that the rider-main service be opened cannot be entertained at the moment. One or two torrential downpours within the next week or two would make a great difference, but for the time being the present arrangements must stand. It is a remarkable fact that while a 12-hour service at the street fountains takes about four million gallons of water, a similar service through the rider-mains means the consumption of eight million gallons. An enormous wastage occurs through faulty taps and carelessness in leaving water running. It is impossible that double the amount of water can be actually used when the rider-mains are open; a large proportion of the extra four million gallons drawn runs to waste, and this leakage must be checked somehow before the rider-main service can be resumed.

A New Tanning Material.

Another important invention by the German Wye Trust (I.G. Farbenindustrie) has been much discussed on the Frankfurt Bourse. The German company is said to have discovered and developed a synthetic tanning material, which is expected to revolutionize the world markets. It is said that the new invention will do away with the need for importing expensive vegetable products from which tanning materials are mostly derived, and which are chiefly responsible for the continuous rise in the price of leather during recent years. As soon as the new synthetic product can be turned out in large quantities, it is stated, Germany will become the biggest exporting country for tanning material, and a reduction in the price of leather may result.

Brown or White Bread?

The value of whole-meal bread, as opposed to white bread, is discussed in a report on "The Carbohydrate Content of Foods" by Drs. McCance and Lawrence, which was issued recently by the British Government. The following is the conclusion of the investigations:—"In advocating whole-meal bread for general use, whether in times of need or in times of plenty, it should be remembered that not only men but also women and children are concerned, and that all the experiments on which the arguments are based have been carried out on animals or adult males. Children are very intolerant of high cellulose diets, and, for some, brown bread is far too irritating, even if given with the idea of relieving constipation. Appetite is such an important factor in all digestive considerations that no one who dislikes a food of unproved value should be forced to eat it if it can be avoided. In time of peace, of course, the grown-up population, if they have the choice, will never eat whole-meal bread unless they like it, no matter how specious the advertisement, but they may force their children to eat it in the belief that they are doing them good. One should therefore be cautious in advising whole-meal bread generally, and wait until careful unbiased experiments have been done on a sufficient number of men, women, and children. Thus only can accurate conclusions be drawn."

Looking Back 25 Years.

A soldier from Mount Austin Barracks charged the canteen bar-boy (the temperance bar) with larceny of a sovereign. The soldier gave the gold coin over the counter in payment for refreshments, and the bar-boy gave him change for 30 cents. Defendant assured complainant that he had only given him a 20-cent piece, but a search resulted in the sovereign being found at the bottom of a wash-up bucket. The man was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and three hours' stocks.—Hong Kong Daily Press, Aug. 2, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

We notice that arrangements have been made for lengthening the drop at executions. A pit has been dug under the drop two feet deep, faced with granite, and when it is not in use it is covered by a board. The Mitsui Bishi Steamship Co. have notified the public through the native Press in Japan that they will open a new steamship line between Yokohama and Hong Kong about the middle of August.—Hong Kong Daily Press, August 2, 1878.

**NO INTERFERENCE
BY POWERS.**AMERICAN SUGGESTION
SHELVED.

"NOT NECESSARY."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Aug. 1.
Reuter learns that Mr. Stimson's tentative suggestion for the establishment of a six-Power Commission of Conciliation, to extend the good offices of the Powers to China and Russia, has been held in abeyance. This is understood to be mainly due to Japan's expressed opinion that any form of international intervention is superfluous at the present stage of the crisis.

Japan's contention is that the prospects of a direct settlement between the two disputants are good, and hence it is unnecessary to offer outside assistance.

**CHINA'S TERMS FOR
SETTLEMENT.**RIGHT TO ADMINISTER THE
C.E.R.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, August 1.
The Rengo Agency learns from Peking that in an interview with Pressman Mr. Sun Fo, the Minister of Railways, made a statement to the effect that China intends to conduct negotiations with the Soviet on the basis that while all the rights and interests of the Chinese Eastern Railway will be placed under Sino-Russian joint ownership, the administrative power over the railway shall be taken over by China.

**SINO-BELGIAN PARLEYS
BROKEN OFF.**

[NAN CHUNG KUN NEWS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Aug. 1.
The Sino-Belgian negotiations for the retrocession of the Belgian Concession at Tientsin are reported to have been broken off.

It appears that the Belgian delegates' insistence on China's due recognition of all public and privately-owned property in the Concession, and also of Municipal Bonds, is the sole difficulty in the way of a settlement. The Chinese delegation has wired to the Wai-chiao-pao (Foreign Office) for instructions.

**REPORTED REPLY TO
RUSSIA.**

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Aug. 1.
A telegram, said to be the reply of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the last Note of the Soviet Government, was drafted and sent out on Wednesday.

As relations between China and Russia have been broken off, the telegram was sent out by Dr. C. T. Wang "unofficially."

**RUSSIAN RESERVISTS
CALLED UP.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Riga, July 31.
The Commander of the Soviet forces in Siberia has ordered all Russian reservists born since 1902 and living in the Far East to rejoin the Soviet army at Vladivostok.

The order applies similarly to all officers on the reserve of the Soviet Army, irrespective of age.

Khabarovsk is mentioned as the place where the reservists are to assemble to rejoin the Army.

**LORD ROSEBURY'S
ESTATE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 1.
It was announced to-day that Lord Rosebury's estate has been proved at £1,371,000.

**"RED THURSDAY"
NOT VIVID.**

ALL QUIET IN SHANGHAI.

BOMBS IN A PARIS
HOTEL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Aug. 1.
At 9.30 a.m., contrary to many alarmist rumours concerning to-day's possibilities, everything was normal, the mills and factories working as usual.

Police On The "Qui Vive."

LATER
Contrary to anticipations of serious trouble on "Red Thursday" everything so far has been normal with the exception of a couple of minor Communist demonstrations in the International Settlement, which were quickly suppressed.

The comparative quiet is attributable to the scotching by the police of the International Settlement and the French Concession of Communist plans for strikes and demonstrations. The police, especially the French, in the last few days have carried out a number of raids, seizing ammunition in huge quantities, and leaflets inciting trouble. Also, they rounded up several hundred suspects and arrested a number of notorious trouble-makers, besides breaking up the organisation which was planning Communist demonstrations for to-day, with the object of creating an international incident.

The police remain on the qui vive, and French armoured cars are patrolling the French Concession, while the entire police force and police reserves are standing by in the International Settlement.

No Nonsense In Peking!

PEKING, Aug. 1.

The authorities here took elaborate precautions to prevent Communist trouble.

Squad armed with execution swords paraded in motor-lorries, while patrols of troops were stationed all over the city, in addition to all exits in the Legation Quarter, in order to prevent possible demonstrators marching in.

So far the day has passed very quietly.

A London "Wash-Out."

LONDON, July 31.

Boarding a bus at Victoria Station, as ordinary passengers, eight Communist women and a man, chained themselves to the seats on the top bus and refused to leave.

The officials immediately drove the bus to Scotland Yard. The Communists, en route, displayed banners and sang the "Red Flag" and "The Internationale." The Police were temporarily unable to loosen the chains, so the bus was left standing in a torrential downpour.

The Police, later, sawed through the seats and arrested the Communists.

The Sequel.

LONDON, August 1.
Sarah Burt was fined 40/- at B.W. Street to-day for assaulting a policeman by squirting him with a soda-water syphon in connection with the omnibus incident. Burt received her sentence by singing the "Internationale" and was lifted from the dock and carried out kicking, struggling, and singing.

Orderly Communist processions in Limehouse and other quarters in the East End are the only evidence so far of "Red Thursday" in London.

Trouble At Sarajevo.

LONDON, Aug. 1.

Europe's "Red Thursday" staged from Moscow as an anti-war protest on the fifteenth anniversary of the beginning of the Great War, was signalled by a red glare at two o'clock in the morning at Sarajevo ("The Cradle of the World War"), where the railway workshops were set on fire, apparently by Communists.

It is also reported from Belgrade that amid the trouble at Sarajevo, a Communist was killed. He was supposed to be conducting the police to a secret Communist printing press, but he led them into an ambush. The Police, however, killed "the guide" and themselves escaped.

Five hundred precautionary arrests were made in Poland, a hundred in Yugoslavia, hundreds in Greece, scores in Rumania, sixty-four in Bulgaria, and forty in France.

Demonstrations have been forbidden in Finland, Switzerland and Turkey. A machine gun cordoned has been established round Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia.

(Continued on next column.)

**BANKER'S TRAGIC
END.**A SORROW-FILLED
LIFE.

DETERMINED SUICIDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 1.
Sir Drummond Drummond-Fraser has been found dead in his house at Blakeney, Norfolk, with his throat cut. The jury at the inquest returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind."

Sir Drummond Fraser had a nervous breakdown in 1915, following the loss of his two sons in the war and depression over the death of his wife. Subsequently, he lost the use of his legs, and was confined to bed.

Two nurses were in attendance upon him. The nurse on night-duty left the bedroom momentarily this morning, and on returning found the invalid's throat cut with a razor. On Sunday the patient asked the maid to give him a case from the chest of drawers, which she did. The maid was unaware that the case contained razors.

[Sir Drummond Drummond-Fraser, K.B.E., was a prominent banker, having been Managing Director of the Manchester, Liverpool and District Bank, and a Vice-President of the Institute of Bankers. He was an authority on finance, and had written many books on the subject. During the War he was a member of the Food Prices Committee under the Board of Trade.]

BRITAIN AT THE HAGUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 1.
Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. A. Henderson and Mr. Wm. Graham (President of the Board of Trade) will represent Great Britain at The Hague Reparations Conference.

**SIR WM. JOWITT RETAINS
HIS SEAT.**

CONVINCING MAJORITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 31.
The first by-election since the General Election has taken place in Preston where Sir Wm. A. Jowitt, K.C., the Attorney-General, sought re-election following his secession from the Liberal Party to the Labour Party.

The by-election resulted—
Sir W. Jowitt, Labour... 35,608
Dr. A. E. Howitt, Con... 29,188
S. M. Holden, Ind. Lab. 410
Labour majority... 6,550

**"BREMEN" BREAKS ITS
OWN RECORD.**

WONDERFUL TIME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 31.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd liner "Bremen" arrived at Plymouth after a record voyage from New York in 4 days, 14 hours and 30 minutes.

The "Bremen" recently made the crossing from Cherbourg to New York in 4 days, 18 hours, 17 mins., compared with the "Mauretania's" previous record of 5 days, 2 hrs., 34 mins.

Vigilance In Paris.

Reuter's Paris correspondent reports that the most elaborate precautions are being taken against disorders.

Thirty thousand troops are standing by to reinforce the police, whilst a hundred lorries are ready to transport flying squads. Aeroplanes have been detailed to circle the city, and vans equipped with wireless are patrolling the streets.

Forty-eight foreigners have been deported.

Thirty-one bombs were found in the corridor of a hotel.

PARIS, August 1.
So far there has been no signs of any "Red" outbreak. The Police Prefect, M. Chiappe, has toured the metropolis, and reports that all postal and general workers are working normally. Similar reports have been received from all over the country.

**NEW SOUTH POLAR
EXPEDITION.**"DISCOVERY" SAILS FROM
LONDON.

A PROSPECTING TRIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, August 1.
Captain Scott's old ship, the Discovery, left East India Dock to-day on another expedition to the Antarctic sponsored by the British, Australian, and New Zealand Governments, to continue the scientific investigations of the resources of the South Polar regions, which were begun in 1911.

The expedition will also develop fisheries, and investigate economic resources, and the commercial possibilities of whaling.

Sir Douglas Mawson, commanding the expedition, joins the Discovery at Capetown, from where the ship will sail at the end of October. The average age of the crew is thirty.

Captain John Davis, Director of Navigation of the Commonwealth of Australia, was aboard to-day.

**SCENES AT SCOUTS'
JAMBOREE.**AN UNPARALLELED
OVATION.

PRINCE TO ATTEND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BIRKENHEAD, July 31.
The rain ceased and the sun shone when the Duke of Connaught, wearing Scout garb, and General Baden-Powell entered the Royal Box, at the Scouts' Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, the massed bands of Irish and Scottish pipers playing the National Anthem.

After the Duke had declared the Jamboree open, General Baden-Powell sounded the scout rally call, on the historic "kudoo" horn which he captured from a Zulu chief in one of the Zulu wars.

The immense roar of the scouts, following the rally, electrified the concourse of spectators, who rose and stood bunched, as a tribute to an unparalleled ovation. Then began the great "march past."

Prince to Attend.

LONDON, Aug. 1.
Despite a gale and torrential rain this morning it was stated at York House that the Prince of Wales would carry out his intention to fly this afternoon to the Jamboree at Birkenhead, from Hendon.

**CONFIDENCE IN THE
GOVERNMENT.**

FRENCH CHAMBER VOTE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, July 31.
The Chamber by 325 votes to 138, passed a vote of confidence in the Briand Government. The Socialists and Communists were against the vote. The Radicals abstained but the Right and Centre supported the vote.

Ex-Premier Operated On.

PARIS, Aug. 1.
M. Poincare has been operated upon, and his condition is pronounced satisfactory.

The operation lasted 25 minutes, and was preliminary to the main operation a few days hence, which is longer and more intricate.

ROYAL FAMILY DRAMA.FRAU ZOUBKOFF AND
EX-KAISER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BONN, July 31.
The ex-Kaiser's sister, Frau Zoubkoff, has left her villa and taken two small rooms in a small hotel in the neighbouring town of Mehlhorn for herself, and one servant. She has commissioned a Cologne art dealer to sell all her furniture at her villa, which is to let.

It is rumoured that recently she interviewed her brother at Doorn, who, it is reported, promised to pay her debts on condition that she separated from Zoubkoff.

**SHIPPING HEADS
BLAMED.**"WRONGFUL ACT AND
DEFAULT."

MORE "VESTRIS" DETAILS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 31.
It is stated in the newspapers that actions for huge sums, in the American Courts, will depend upon the judgment of the Board of Trade in the "Vestris" inquiry.

The Court held forty sittings since April 23 and the judgment is very long. The President, in answering 58 Board of Trade questions (seriatim) held, *inter alia*, that some disorganisation resulted from placing women and children in the port boats in a mistaken application of the traditional order: "Women and children first."

There was no lack of order and discipline among the crew.

The S.O.C. should have been sent out six hours earlier.

The Court considered that the captain was unduly optimistic before the foundering, and held that Mr. David Cook (Vice President) Mr. Harry Wheeler (Marine Superintendent) and Captain Heasley (Assistant Marine Superintendent) of the New York agents were guilty of a wrongful act and default contributory to the loss of the "Vestris."

The Court ordered Mr. Cook to pay £500 towards the expenses of the inquiry, and recommended that all foreign-going passenger ships should enjoy the same protection as regards safety of life as is afforded to emigrant ships, by means of Board of Trade supervision.

**TROUBLE OVER BATHING
SUITS.**

DEAUVILLE IS PUZZLED.

[“D.P.” Special Service.]

DEAUVILLE, July 13.—Deauville wants to know just where a bathing suit ends and indecency begins, writes Princes Ali Pasha to the Daily Press. This million dollar strip of sand wants to settle for all time the troublesome question of just what is a bathing suit. The trouble grew out of the fact of solar-ray treatment which has held over from last summer and is extending from the shoulders to other areas of the back.

Deauville has only one law and that is that bathers must wear bathing suits. There the law stops and leaves the rest to imagination, and the smart Paris dressmakers who furnish the bathing suits for Deauville have plenty of imagination.

Trouble started last Sunday when a Parisienne stepped out of her bathroom with her latest Paris creation. Inside of three minutes there was a riot on the beach, inside of ten the photographers had used up all their plates, and inside of an hour there were a dozen exact duplicates of the suit.

It really wasn't a bathing suit at all, it was more like a collection of a dozen bits of cloth held together with golden strands. There were pieces here and there where they could do the most good and they were kept in place by bands of golden web.

Needed Sun Rays.

The Parisienne protested that she was a fervent devotee of the sun cult that her anatomy needed plenty of solar contact. But Deauville, which admits backless bathing costumes, side-split trunks and low cut arm-holes, seemed to think that bathing suits should be in one piece, or at most two, but certainly not twelve.

Last year, Deauville had a police court case growing out of alleged indecency in beach dress, but the court ruled that Deauville is Deauville and indecency here is impossible.

The famous beach is little changed this year. There is nothing new, unless it is the new sense of modesty on the part of the beach police. The hotels and casino are already crowded to the doors, and Deauville is still the most expensive and yet the cheapest resort in Europe.

It is possible to spend \$1,000 a day there, and yet it is possible to take the cheapest ride in the world at Deauville. Just a short distance away from the casino where stakes are spoken in millions, is a ferry boat which carries passengers from Deauville to its more prosaic sister beach, Trouville.

Before the war, the ferry charged one sou a ride, or the equivalent of one cent. The same ferry is still there, manipulated by the same two old salts, and the charge is still the same, one sou in French copper, which is to-day worth one-fifth of a cent. That is undoubtedly the cheapest ride in the world, but you have to spend several hundred dollars a day living at Deauville in order to enjoy it.

**COTTON DISPUTE
PROPOSALS.**

CONFERENCE EXPECTED.

INQUIRY COMMITTEE
NAMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 1.
The operative cotton spinners' representatives have decided to refer to their districts on the question of whether their executive shall be empowered to negotiate with the employers' representatives. It is expected that the joint conference will meet again on Monday.

The special committee to inquire into the cotton industry has been appointed as follows:

Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade.
Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.
Mr. Joseph Jones, Secretary of the Yorkshire Mineworkers' Association.
Sir Alan Anderson, a director of the Bank of England and of the Suez Canal Company.
Sir William McLintock, a noted Chartered Accountant, who has served on many Government Committees.

The terms of reference are very broad, covering the condition of the industry and its power to recover the home and export markets.

THE FISCAL COMMITTEE.REPRESENTATION FOR
AMERICA.

[“D.P.” Special Service.]

Geneva, July 15.—The United States has just been given representation on another one of the permanent organs of the League of Nations. This is the newly created Fiscal Committee that will undertake for long years to come the task of solving the problem of double taxation and fiscal evasion.

The Commission is composed of twelve regular members and fifteen corresponding members from nations not otherwise represented on the body. Professor Thomas S. Adams of Yale has been named the American member.

Since the close of the war, and the heavy increase in taxation all over the world, together with the heavy commercial expansion of industries seeking foreign markets, the problem of double taxation has become one of the most serious ones for the normal resumption of world-wide trade relations.

Two problems are involved: first, that of the individual or commercial enterprise being obliged to pay taxes on its income both in the country of which he is a citizen and also in the foreign country in which he is doing business and secondly, fiscal evasion that is rendered possible by the taxpayer having income or interests abroad.

After years of expert investigation the League has come to the conclusion that the problem can never be solved by a multilateral international convention owing to the vast differences in the fiscal systems of the different countries.

The Only Solution.

The only solution that seems possible is by the negotiating of bilateral treaties in which the two signatory nations either agree to abolish double taxation as regards each others' nationals or at least establish some reciprocal basis of equal treatment.

This will be the task of the League's new Fiscal Committee which will undertake the promotion of such agreements between all of the nations of the world.

Because of their expert knowledge in taxation matters, the members of the committee have been selected almost exclusively from amongst the senior revenue officials of the various countries they represent.

The committee as it has been constituted to date is as follows:

Professor Thomas S. Adams, Yale University, United States.
H. Blau, director of the federal administration of taxes, Switzerland.
Dr. Gino Bolaffi, chief of the taxation section of the ministry of finance, Italy.
M. Borduge, director general of taxation, France.
Monsieur Clavier, director general of taxes, Belgium.
Professor Dr. H. Dorn, director at the ministry of finances, Berlin.
Professor Dr. Flores de Lénus, professor of political economy at the University of Madrid, Spain.
Monsieur Mantxavinos, director of public accounts, Greece.
Sir J. H. R. Simmonds, director general of taxes, Holland.
Sir Percy Thompson, vice-president of the board of inland revenue, England.

In addition two other members will be appointed, one representing some South American country and one representing some Asiatic country.

Other nations which will be represented by corresponding members on the commission are Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, and Serbia.—United Press.

**"GRAF ZEPPELIN"
OFF AGAIN.**ANOTHER TRIP TO
AMERICA.

UNREHEARSED EFFECTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Aug. 1.
The great German airship "Graf Zeppelin" left Friedrichshafen at 3.30 a.m., on a flight to America. The dirigible set out for her second flight across the Atlantic about two months ago, but her engines broke down and she limped back to France only with great difficulty.

There was a dramatic delay as the Graf Zeppelin was leaving her shed. A man was seen to jump from the roof to the top of the airship, a distance of twelve feet.

The Zeppelin was brought to a standstill, and the culprit was soon found inside the gangway and handed over to the police.

The airship took off easily and speedily disappeared into the darkness.

**DEATH OF "SYD"
GREGORY.**FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN
CRICKETER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, August 1.
The death is announced of the famous Australian cricketer, Mr. Sydney Edward Gregory.

Mr. Gregory's long and distinguished association with Australian Test cricket lasted more than 30 years. As long ago as 1894, in partnership with Mr. J. McCulloch, he established the record for the ninth wicket, 254, in a Test match. In the same season, he established a Test record for Australia of 142 for the fifth wicket, together with Mr. J. Darling.

In 1896 at Lords, Mr. Gregory and Mr. G. H. S. Trotter put up an England-Australia fourth wicket record of 221, and thirteen years later, "Syd" Gregory and Warren Bardsley put up an Australian record of 160 for the first wicket.

Mr. Gregory scored four centuries in Test games against England, his highest being 201 at Sydney in the 1894-5 season.

Besides his batting, Gregory was a wonderful fielder.

**U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
ITALY.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, July 31.
The Baltimore banker, Mr. John W. Garrett, it is believed, will succeed Mr. Henry Fletcher as Ambassador to Italy. Mr. Fletcher is retiring.

SWIFT RIVER TRAGEDY.MOTHER AND HER FOUR
CHILDREN DROWNED.

Mrs. Hugh MacDonald and her four young children were drowned in the River Spey, the swiftest river in Scotland, near Spey Bay, Buckie.

The mother is alleged to have thrown the children into the river and then to have jumped in herself. The family was composed of one boy and three girls, the eldest child being aged four years and the youngest ten months.

Rescue parties in salmon boats dashed to the spot, but all five victims had been swept away by the current. Four bodies, including that of the mother, have been recovered and the river is being searched for the body of the youngest child, which is still missing.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.NEW LEGISLATION IN THE
F.M.S.

A Bill is to be introduced into the Federal Council with the object of placing on the Statute Book of the F.M.S. provisions corresponding to sections 7 and 8 of the Straits Settlements Civil Law Ordinance. The first of these follows Indian Act XII of 1865, and the similar provision in English law, and makes provision with regard to suits for damages to or compensation from the estate of a deceased person.

Section 8 is equivalent to what is popularly known as "Lord Campbell's Act," the object of which was to give compensation to the families of persons killed by negligence or other actionable wrong. It will, for example, enable the parent of a child killed by the negligent driving of a motor-car to recover damages. It is considered that the time has come when such legislation is needed.

Lawn Bowls.

ARRANGEMENT TO SPEED UP THE ARREARS IN THE LEAGUE.

HOW THE CLUBS COULD HELP.

[By "BACK WOOD."]

No progress was possible in the lawn bowls League last Saturday as the weather did its worst to add another afternoon's programme to the arrears. Some of the grounds were fit for play at the appointed time, but the decision to call off all the fixtures turned out to be a wise one considering the downpour later in the afternoon. Any Clubs who dared to take chances would have been placed in the unsatisfactory position of having to leave over a part of the game to another day. The interruption was most unfortunate seeing that the League has now reached an important stage, especially in the Senior Division, when victory or defeat for the three Clubs who stand on an even footing will mean so much in the race for the championship. Civil Service juniors have broken away from the other teams, but there is just the possibility that something may happen, as has been the case before this season, to bring some of the others to the front.

It seems certain now that the season, which should in the ordinary course have ended to-morrow, will be carried on until the end of September. Even then with the uncertain weather there is no guarantee that some of the fixtures will not have to be left over until after the series of inter-club matches with Shanghai early in October. The arrangement for working off the arrears, which I understand will be communicated to the Clubs, is that the fixtures for three weeks which received postponement will be taken in hand first. A rearrangement will then be made with the other postponed fixtures numbering nine in the senior and seven in the junior section. The following will therefore be the official programme for the next three weeks taking the postponed fixtures on June 22, July 15 and 27:—

AUGUST 10.

DIVISION I.

Craigengower C.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Police R.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Club de Recreio.

DIVISION II.

Tai Koo R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.
Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Club de Recreio v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Royal H.K.Y.C. v. H.K.E.R.C.

AUGUST 17.

DIVISION I.

Civil Service C.C. v. K.B.G.C.
Police R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.
Kowloon D.R.C. v. Club de Recreio.
Kowloon C.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.

DIVISION II.

Craigengower C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
Tai Koo R.C. v. H.K.E.R.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Royal H.K.Y.C.
Club de Recreio v. Kowloon C.C.

AUGUST 24.

DIVISION I.

Police R.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.
Kowloon D.R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Recreio.

DIVISION II.

Tai Koo R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Club de Recreio v. Royal H.K.Y.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Craigengower C.C. v. H.K.E.R.C.

Apart from the question of the rearranging of the arrears list by the Honorary Secretary of the H.K.L.B.A., there is one point which the writer was authorized to make clear to those concerned. The Clubs are perfectly free to make their own arrangements to play off any of the earlier postponed fixtures on any day other than Saturday. If therefore advantage could be taken of the holiday next Monday (weather permitting) and other days, perhaps Sundays included, during the next three weeks, it will be a desirable move towards the early completion of the season.

Matches in the Open Singles Championship were also held up by the weather. A further tie, however, was decided since the last list was published. J. B. Archibald (C.S.C.C.) beat G. B. Edwards (R.H.K.Y.C.) and qualified to meet R. Bass (C.C.C.) in the third round. This means that five competitors are now among the last sixteen, the others being B. W. Bradburn (C.C.C.), C. M. S. Alves (C. de R.), and J. Laing (T.R.C.).

The other eleven matches in the second round should be decided in time before the closing date a fortnight hence if there are no more upsets from the weather. There are at least three ties of outstanding interest in the present round. F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.) who had a walk-over has to meet A. O. Brown (C.S.C.C.). Many believe that the Civil Service player on his recent performances will have no difficulty in entering the third round, but if his opponent has been able to get over the effects of his illness by the time the match comes to be played, the passage will not be so easy. F. E. Booker, of the Civil Service C.C., is also fancied to win from J. Ferguson, of Tai Koo, the championship holder. The latter had an easy passage when he met another Civil Service player the last time, but he was distinctly out of form in the preliminary round and would have gone down but for the shortcomings of his Yacht Club rival. I would not give an opinion one way or the other on the second round matches, but looking at the formation of the top half of the brackets, it is doubtful if the Tai Koo veteran can be considered further than the semi-final even if he gets there. The other important tie which also comes under the top half is that between H. Beer, of Craigengower, and the Tai Koo skip, W. Wotherspoon. The latter is a more experienced player, but he is likely to meet stiff opposition from his Craigengower rival who has been playing very well lately. Many "stars" are in the running for the competition, and to pick out at this stage any two as the likely finalists would be poor guesswork.

Since writing the foregoing I hear that H. Beer (C.C.C.) and W. Wotherspoon (Tai Koo) met yesterday on the Police ground on what was rather a heavy pitch. The Tai Koo player got through by winning 31-13, but the score does not indicate the run of the play which went to the winner on his great driving. Wotherspoon has now to meet the winner of the Booker-Ferguson tie in the third round.

Weather indications at the moment are not encouraging, and I do not intend to discuss the prospects of the teams in to-morrow's fixtures. The important matches in the Senior Division are those in which the three teams at the top are engaged. Kowloon Docks, the topmost team, travel to Craigengower. Civil Service visit Tai Koo. The Bowling Green are receiving their neighbours, Kowloon C.C., while Club de Recreio are also staying at home to meet the Police. In the junior section the Yacht Club are at home to Tai Koo. Craigengower go over to Kowloon C.C. Civil Service are receiving a visit from Club de Recreio. The Electric R.C. ground at North Point is the venue for the meeting with the Bowling Green Club.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon D.R.C.	3	0	0	3	10
Craigengower	3	0	0	3	10
Civil Service	3	0	0	3	10
Kowloon B.G.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Club de Recreio	7	4	0	3	8
Tai Koo R.C.	8	4	0	4	8
Kowloon C.C.	8	4	0	4	8
Police R.C.	8	0	0	8	0

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

	For	Agst.	Up.	Dn.
Kowloon D.R.C.	521	384	127	0
Craigengower	491	437	24	0
Kowloon B.G.C.	420	398	22	0
Club de Recreio	411	417	0	6
Civil Service	448	456	0	8
Tai Koo R.C.	439	499	0	12
Kowloon C.C.	437	485	0	68
Police R.C.	402	430	0	78

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Civil Service	9	7	0	2	14
Craigengower	8	5	0	3	10
Electric R.C.	8	5	0	3	10
Kowloon B.G.C.	9	5	0	4	10
Tai Koo R.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Yacht Club	8	4	0	4	8
Club de Recreio	9	3	0	6	6
Kowloon C.C.	8	0	0	8	0

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

	For	Agst.	Up.	Dn.
Civil Service	578	483	95	0
Kowloon B.G.C.	561	500	61	0
Tai Koo R.C.	440	385	55	0
Yacht Club	464	457	7	0
Craigengower	451	459	0	5
Electric R.C.	491	492	0	11
Club de Recreio	513	527	0	12
Kowloon C.C.	392	379	0	137

Baseball Notes.

A GROUND AT LAST.

NAVY COMES TO THE RESCUE.

[By "CENTRE FIELD."]

Three cheers for the Navy—hip, hip, hooray! That was what all the balls fans must have felt like saying when they read the good news in the Daily Press on Tuesday that our "Senior Service" friends have come to the rescue of the baseball community by giving permission for baseball to be played on their ground at Caroline Hill five days a week till October. What this means to the Baseball Association only those who know how they have worked during the past few months in their efforts to get a ground will understand. Our sailor friends have put matters right for us now, and to them ball fans owe a lasting debt of gratitude.

Now that the big question is settled, let us hope the public will roll up and give their whole-hearted support to the League. They can begin right away by obtaining their season tickets from the Hon. Secretary of the Baseball Association, c/o the N.Y.K. It is not yet decided when the League programme is going to start, but that it will begin as soon as possible is a sure thing. The whole schedule has to be re-arranged, and this of course means a lot of work. Things are being rushed "full speed ahead" and before many days are over Hong Kong will see its first League game of the season.

Five teams will battle for "Big" league honours, and these are South China, Hong Kong Baseball Club, Filipino Club (last season's Champions), Nippon Club, and the Kiora. The last-named is a new entry, and it will be interesting to see how they fare among the "Big Leaguers." The Filipino crew will go all out to retain the shield, and they will have pretty much the same side as that which did duty for them last summer. Alvarez, who had charge of the keystone sack, then, will probably be on the mound, with Zafra calling the signals. The only trouble seems that this lot does not put in nearly enough practice. They will have to, though, if they are determined not to let some other team rob them of the shield as there will be some very tough sides in the League.

A lot of new material to pick from—that's the position of the Ball Club. Much of course is away but they will be able to field a pretty hefty nine. Dugan, Harris, Gooch, Rounds, Russakoff, Proulx, Howard, Brennan, Lefevre, Murphy, Young, Owen Hughes, Bowker, Rushton, Geoffrey Lammert, Spear, Chalmers, Larson, and Burrell are all available, and have promised to turn out for the Club. Phil Lefevre is, I believe, manager of the outfit, and with one who has so much experience of the game leading them, they ought to get pretty high up in the League table. It is indeed a pity that Ruffin is not here, for I reckon he is the best pitcher we have seen for many a long day.

The South China nine will make every effort to regain the title which Zafra's crowd took from them last year, but I am of the opinion that unless they can produce a pitcher something like Lee they will have a hard job ahead of them. Lee is away at present, but he might be back for the ball season. It has been said that Eddie Chang will be distorting the slants and strikes for them, and if this is so, I fear that they will not go very far. From what I saw of this twirler at the Hong Kong Meiji game, he did not strike me as being very good. True, he has a couple of curves and perhaps a "drop," but then a pitcher must use his head as well. Some of my readers might ask, "Didn't he blank the Meiji lads out in the sixth and seventh innings?" Why, certainly he did, but one must not forget what happened in the eighth. After two men were down, the underdogs lived up and scored six runs!

After an absence of one summer the Japanese are putting in a side again this time, and I should not be at all surprised to see them coming out top of the league. Their weakness seems the same as that of the Chinese—they have no good pitcher. Way back in the old days the Nippon Club boasted of a real good pitcher, a giant of a fellow who dished 'em out from the star-board side, and his name is, I believe, Tsugasa (please forgive me if I don't spell it right!). Since then they have not produced any outstanding man in the box, with the possible exception of Ishimatsu. Funny enough, this fellow was also

(Continued on next Column.)

WIGHTMAN CUP TENNIS.

AMERICA PICKS THE TWO HELENS.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, July 31. Miss Helen Wills and Miss Helen Jacobs have been selected for the first and second positions in the American ladies' lawn tennis team which is to meet Great Britain's representative in the Wightman Cup at Forest Hills on August 9 and 10.

SOUTH CHINA A.A.

OFFICIALS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

At a meeting of the South China Athletic Association held on Tuesday night, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:—

Hon. Presidents: The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., and Mr. Tsang Yew Ting.
President: Mr. Li Yau Tsun, C.B.E.
Vice-Presidents: Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. Loke Oi Wan.
Chairman: Mr. Ho Iu.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Ng Sze Kwong.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Li Chee Cheung.
Hon. English Secretary: Mr. Shek Chung Shan.

a southpaw. However the Japanese are a nippy lot and can always be relied upon to give a good game, which after all is said and done is the thing that counts.

The Kiora side is made up of young 'uns, and when in the second division last season put up a few good games against some of their more seasoned opponents. Since then they have gained in experience, and I believe this year's aggregation puts in more practice than any other team in the league. The good point about them is the businesslike yet cheery way they go about the game, and here's wishing them good luck in their maiden season in Division I. Harry Hong Sling is, I understand, running this side, and good luck to him.

Several ball fans have asked me whether the Association is making any arrangements as regards umpires for all league games. "It would be a great saving in time—and perhaps some arguments too—if 'neutral' umpires were appointed for each game on the strict understanding that these must start strictly on time. Another point is that it is sincerely hoped that spectators will not be allowed within 10 yards of the bases—the arrangements at Happy Valley last year were such that the spectators crowded in on to the initial sack and the "hot corner," and more than once caused a lot of trouble through their handling the ball while it was still in play. That was, of course, very unsatisfactory, and as a precaution against any more such nuisances, I would suggest that everybody who is keen enough to get into the ground to watch the games be made to pay a small admission fee. After all, why should the fans who pay about 50 cents for a place in the grandstand be robbed of a good view just because the fellows who do not pay a copper choose to encroach on the playing field?

Since my notes appeared last week I have received a letter from "Ball Fan" who writes:—"It seems to be the habit of local baseballers to sit in the grandstand between innings, is that permitted?" My answer to this is "No." Maybe the by-laws of the local Association allow this, but Rule 18 of the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National and American Leagues says:—"Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats in the stands, or to mingle with the spectators." I want to thank "Ball Fan" for his letter, and to say that I shall be only too glad to answer any questions that those interested in the game may send in. The only stipulation I make is that these questions be sent to "Centre Field" c/o The Editor, Hong Kong Daily Press with the writer's name and address, not for publication, but just to prove that the query is put in good faith.

At a Committee meeting on Wednesday it was decided not to run the Junior League this year. In view of the fact that they have only up to October to play, I think this is a very advisable step, as allowances must be made to play off postponed matches, etc. The Committee have also decided to make a start as soon as the grandstand is put up, and in this connection they have to wait for an answer to their application to erect the stand.

V.R.C. SWIMMING GALA.

CHANCES OF CONTESTANTS DISCUSSED.

[By "WATERMAN."]

There are indications that tonight's swimming gala at the V.R.C. will be an unqualified success, as already the bookings are pretty heavy and quite a number of reserved seats have been taken up.

His Excellency the Governor and party, it is understood, will be present to-night. The sport provided will certainly prove to be highly interesting, and I think that in the 150 yards race, open to the Colony, the time will be very good and it would not surprise me to see the record broken. In the variety stroke race, I predict a win for my Chinese friends, Leung Shiu Man or Wong Kam Fan. I fancy the latter will win, as he is proficient in the breast, back, and crawl, but it is slightly deficient in the side stroke. Leung Shiu Man is good for the crawl, back, and side strokes, but is weak in the breast stroke. The first two places, to my mind, should fall to these two swimmers. Interest is naturally keen in the team race, in which there had been such good entries. Here again I predict a win for the Chinese team. They have five good swimmers and should account for the race, although they would have far more opposition if the V.R.C. could draw on all their members. Unfortunately for the Club some of their members are also connected with other

clubs, and, I understand, some of them will be swimming for the Club de Recreio, who therefore must have a very formidable team. The Kowloon Swimming Club will also deprive V.R.C., perhaps, of some of their swimmers. On the whole, however, I am not sorry to see this, as it balances the chances somewhat, for the V.R.C. has too many good swimmers to make any race of this kind anything more than a walk-over.

In the Water Polo, I do not think the Chinese will have much of a chance against the rest. They made a good show last week, but against the rest—even though it might be a very moderate team—they will have to play very well to win.

In all the other events, entries are quite heavy, and altogether the programme is one which those interested in aquatics should not miss. In addition to the sport provided dancing will take place after the races, the Lyric Orchestra supplying the music.

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HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING.

EUROPEAN TITLE BOUT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, July 31. In the European heavyweight boxing contest, the Belgian, Pierre Charles (holder) retained the title in his match against Pansio (Italian), who was disqualified in the ninth round for hitting low.

MURDERER REPRIVED.

Wallace Benton, the seventy-year-old smallholder of Tilney St. Lawrence, who was sentenced to death at the Norfolk Assizes for the murder of Thomas Herbert Williamson has been granted a reprieve. The jury at the trial recommended him to mercy, but an appeal against his conviction was dismissed.

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			2125 1/2	Do. (London)			2125 1/2	
210 1/2				Chartered Banks			210 1/2	
			232 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "A"			232 1/2	
			215 1/2	Do. "C"			215 1/2	
			29 1/2	P. & O. Banks			29 1/2	
			850 1/2	Bank of East Asia			850 1/2	
Insurance								
			\$830	Canton Ins.			\$830	
				Underwriters				
				North China				
				Union Ins.				
				Yangtze Ins.				
				China Fire				
				H.K. Fire				
Shipping								
			\$27 1/2	Douglas			\$27 1/2	
				Steamships				
				Indos (pref.)				
				Do. (def.)				
				Shell Transports				
				Water-boats				
Mining								
				Benquet				
				Kailans				
				Langkuts (com.)				
				Do. (single)				
				Explorations				
				Shanghai Loans				
				Raubs				
				Trench Mines				
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
			\$127 1/2	H.K. & S. Wharfs			\$127 1/2	
				Providents				
				H.K. Docks				
				Shanghai Docks				
				New Engineering				
				Hongkew				
Cotton Mills								
				Ewos				
				Oriental				
				Shai, C'cons (old)				
				Do. (new)				
Lands, Hotels and Buildings								
				H.K. & S. Hotels				
				H.K. Lands				
				Shanghai Lands				
				H.K. Realty				
				Humphreys				
				Chinese Estates				
Public Utilities								
				Tramways				
				Peak Trams (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				Star Ferries				
				C. Lights (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				H.K. Electric				
				Macao do				
				Sandakan Lights				
				Telephones				
				China Buses				
				Traction				
				Do. (pref.)				
Industries								
				Canton Ice				
				Cementa (comb.)				
				Do. (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				Ropes				
				China Sugars				
				Malabon Sugars				
				United Asbestos				
Miscellaneous								
				Dairy Farms				
				Der A. Wing				
				Amusements				
				Constructions				
				Lane Crawfords				
				Mackintosh				
				Nanyang Tobacco				
				Sinceres				
				Watsons				
				Wm. Powells				
				B. Ind. G. Bonds				
				H.K. Govt. Loan				

Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET
REPORTS.Yesterday's quotations for rice
and other food-stuffs were as
follow:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
White, Green Seal	\$10.62
White, Green Seal No. 3	6.95
White, Blue Seal	9.39
White, Blue Seal, Small Grain	7.46
White Broken, Red Seal	6.23
White Granulated, Green Seal	5.62
Long Unglutinous, Red Seal Glutinous Broken, Green Seal	7.36
Glutinous Granulated, No. 2	6.63
Cargo Rice, Granulated	5.97
Wood-tar oil	3.90

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

Japanese coal imports declined
during July with a corresponding
increase from other markets.A direct service between Canton
and the Japanese ports is to be
started shortly by the Osaka Shosen
Kaisha.Prices of foreign sugar have been
very irregular for the last two
weeks. Prices are unlikely to rise
as stocks are still excessive.Advices from Wuchow indicate
that from August 1, an additional
export tax of one per cent. is being
imposed upon goods from Wuchow.A commercial Directory and
Chronicle of Canton is being pre-
pared and will be issued shortly.
It will be a large volume with par-
ticulars of over 23,000 shops of the
city.Manufacturers of oil-paper um-
brellas have been doing exceedingly
well during recent years and over
30,000 such umbrellas have been ex-
ported to Shanghai and Hong
Kong.Some eighty bales of raw silk
were sold on Wednesday the prices
being:—

No. 13/15 Best I.	H.K. \$615
No. 14/16 Medium	535
No. 13/15 Superior	595

The cotton yarn market is active
and both wholesale and retail trade
are brisk. There has been a big de-
mand from merchants from the
North River districts and prices
have risen by one to two dollars.
Stocks are also very short in Shang-
hai where prices have risen by
about one tael.

BADEK RUBBER.

YEAR'S DIVIDEND OF TEN
PER CENT.The meeting of the Badek Rub-
ber Estate, Ltd., was held in mail
week.The Hon. R. D. Denman, M.P.,
who presided, said that in a year
when the British Government in
the exercise of its high authority
had unexpectedly halved the world
price of rubber, the company was
able to earn and distribute a 10
per cent. dividend. The £19,700
net profit closely approximated to
the combined figures of about
£12,000 and £25,000 by which sales
of rubber and coffee respectively
had exceeded the simple cost of pro-
duction in the East, including freight.The estates themselves had not
undergone any exceptional experi-
ences in the year under review. A
rotational system of tapping had
been adopted which increased the
period of rest and obtained approx-
imately the same yield of rubber
at a reduced cost, commonly known
as the A.B.C. system.As regarded the current year, the
outlook for production both of rub-
ber and of coffee was satisfactory.
The latter was selling at a re-
munerative price much the same as
that of last year. As to rubber,
while conditions at the moment
favoured a price advantageous to
the consumer rather than the pro-
ducer, it seemed only a matter of
time for the situation to be reversed.

The report was adopted.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL.

IMPORTANT CONTRACT AT
VANCOUVER.

["D.P." Special Service.]

Vancouver, B.C.—The Alberta
Pool is carrying out an expansion
programme here which will give it
the premier grain terminal on the
Pacific Coast. This is indicated in
the announcement that a contract
has been awarded to Carter Halls
Aldinger Co., Limited, at a price
of approximately \$675,000, for a
2,500,000-bushel extension to the
No. 1 elevator operated by the pool,
which when completed will step
up its total storage capacity to
5,250,000 bushels. This, however,
does not include storage for
1,500,000 bushels leased from the
Vancouver Harbour Board.Addition of evidence of the
growth of the grain storage facili-
ties at Vancouver is gleaned from
the statement that the Midland
Pacific Terminal, Limited, is car-
rying out a 1,000,000-bushel exten-
sion to its house at North Van-
couver and has awarded the contract
for the same.Both the new grain jobs are to
be built under direction of C.D.
How & Co., consulting engineers.These additions to the present
capacity bring the total storage
facilities of the port to more than
14,000,000 bushels. The harbour
board as previously announced
plans to add some 7,500,000 bushels
storage to its own houses here at
elevators 1, 2 and 3.

CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY.

EARNINGS HIGHER THAN
LAST YEAR.

["D.P." Special Service.]

Montreal, Que.—Increases in
gross and net earnings for April
and the first four months of the
present year compared with last
year are shown in an earnings
statement of the Canadian Pacific
Railway, which has just been
issued.Gross earnings in April amount-
ed to \$17,529,372 compared with
\$15,294,101 for April, 1928, an in-
crease of \$2,235,271. For the four-
month period gross earnings totalled
\$66,391,602 compared with
\$62,396,659, an increase during the
current year of \$3,994,943.Net earnings in April were
\$3,190,566 as compared with
\$2,404,533, an increase of \$786,033.
For the four-month period net
totalled \$10,334,146 as compared
with \$10,518,834 in the correspond-
ing period in 1928, an increase of
\$815,312.NEW TOURIST HOTEL
OPENS.GARDEN OF THE GREAT
SPIRIT.

["D.P." Special Service.]

Brockville, Ont.—Erected as a
community undertaking, the Hotel
Manitonna, signifying in the Indi-
an "The Garden of the Great
Spirit," the name applied by the
earliest inhabitants to the famous
Thousand Islands of the St. Law-
rence, was officially opened here on
May 27 by Sir Henry Thornton,
president of the Canadian National
Railways, who was presented
with a golden key, suitably engrav-
ed in recognition of the event,
which was broadcast nationally
over the C.N.R. chain of radio
stations.The opening of the new hotel adds
one more to the rapidly growing
chain of tourist hotels throughout
Canada. In this instance the at-
tractive international resort region
of the St. Lawrence will be served,
the Manitonna standing at the low-
er gateway on the Canadian side
through Brockville which has long
been the mecca for thousands of
summer visitors to the St. Law-
rence.

ULU PANDAN RUBBER.

YEAR'S PROFIT CARRIED TO
NEXT ACCOUNT.The report of the directors of the
Ulu Pandan (Singapore) Rubber
Estate, Ltd., for the year ended
April 30, 1929, states that the net
profit including profit on sales of
land amounts to \$5,094 (as against
\$40,612 for the previous year) to
which must be added the sum of
\$5,414 brought forward from last
account, making a total of \$10,508,
which the directors recommend be
carried forward to next account.The area of the estate remains
practically the same as last year, 2
acres 1 rood 19.70 poles having been
sold and 2 acres 1 rood 14 poles ac-
quired.The company still possesses a
number of desirable building sites
on Block G and other blocks will
be opened up as building sites when
the demand warrants it.Tapping was suspended from
June 1, 1928, and was resumed on
April 1, 1929. The crop harvested
during the financial year totalled
12,847 lb.

ARTIFICIAL SILK RESULTS.

BRANSTON COMPANY'S
SECOND YEAR.Having ensured the initial pro-
duction of 4 tons a day, the board
have prepared a general scheme and
estimate for increasing this to 10
tons a day in accordance with the
original programme, and steps will
be taken in the immediate future
to install the necessary additional
plant and machinery.The above is an extract from the
report of the directors of the Bran-
ston Artificial Silk Co. to April 30,
1929.In the opening stages of the re-
port the board state that the past
year has been a second one of un-
interrupted and successful develop-
ment, and the work of installation
may now be considered as practical-
ly completed. The total amount
paid by the company in respect of
plant and machinery, including
adaptation and equipment, shows, as
was anticipated, considerable sav-
ings on prospectus estimates.

Plant and Machinery.

On June 7, 1928, the equipment of
the factory and the installation of
the plant and machinery were so
far advanced that production of a
preliminary nature was started
with a quality of silk far in excess
of expectations. Thereafter, as fur-
ther plant and machinery came into
operation, production increased
daily.In March of this year the plant
was put into commission for the
purpose of testing its capacity and
the further training of labour, and
a production slightly in excess of
the guaranteed production of 4 tons
a day was achieved; the output is
finding a ready sale. The report
then refers to a scheme for 10 tons
daily production, given above.The balance sheet shows cash at
bankers at \$238,113, stocks of rayon,
stores, etc., at \$34,037, development
and experimental account at
\$29,523, preliminary expenses at
\$11,182, debtors at \$26,150 and
creditors at \$23,770, the balance
sheet total being \$1,395,770.The issued capital of the company
is \$1,390,000 of which \$390,000 is in
1,800,000 deferred shares of 4s. each
and \$1,000,000 in ordinary shares
of 2s. each.PLANTERS ATTACKED
IN JAVA.THE MURDER OF MRS.
LANDZAAT.Batavia.—It is reported from Me-
dan that the Japanese coolie who
murdered Mrs. Landzaat, the wife
of an assistant on a rubber estate,
has been sentenced to death.The People's Council is discuss-
ing the reasons for the attacks
made on planters by coolies, and
many members sharply criticised,
as one of the chief causes, the lack
of freedom of action which ham-
pers the managers of estates in the
Dutch Indies.Under the policy developed dur-
ing recent years, the affairs of
many companies are directed ex-
clusively from the head office in
London, Amsterdam or Brussels.
There is no personal knowledge of
working conditions or the needs of
the coolies and the work of the
planters is reduced to that of mere-
ly executing orders from Europe.All the native members and sev-
eral Europeans strongly advocated
an amendment of the law as it
stands at present.The Governor of the East Coast
of Sumatra, in view of the anxiety
of the European population, has
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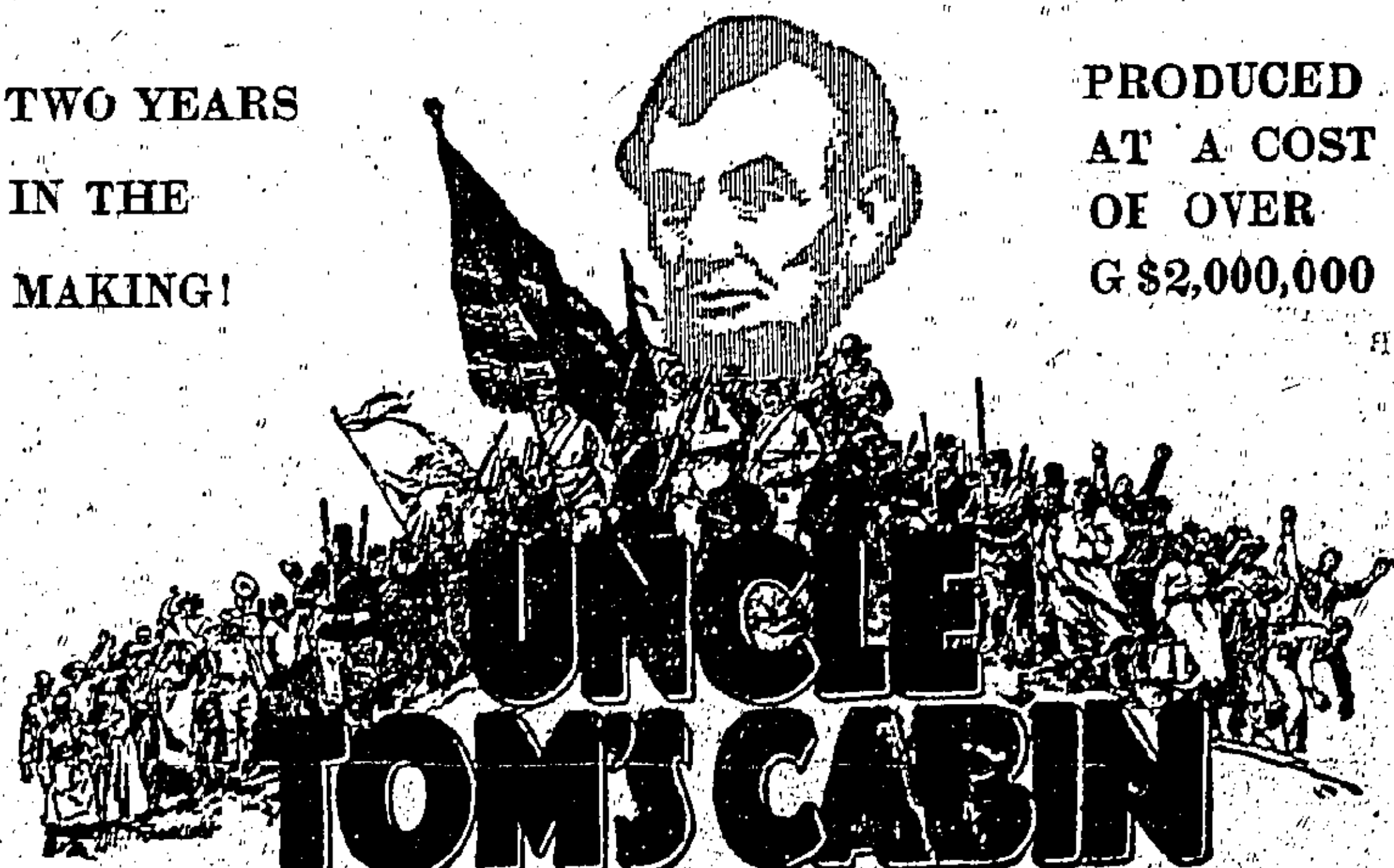
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ROUND THE COURTS.

KOWLOON DOG OWNERS IN COURT.

A number of dog owners living in Kowloon Tong were before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday for allowing their dogs to stray without being muzzled and for failing to take out licences.

Mr. Albert Young of 94, Kowloon Tong, whose dog was wandering about unmuzzled, said that he left the animal in the garden without a muzzle on because so many thieves were about. He said that last year a muzzled dog was stolen from his house and on Christmas Eve two dogs were lost.

His Worship remarked that he would have to impose the usual fine of \$5.

Mr. S. Rose, appearing on behalf of Mr. T. L. Knight of 333, Kowloon Tong, on a similar summons, was also fined \$5.

RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVANTS.

Another dog owner summoned for the same offence stated that his servants had allowed the dog to be abused without its muzzle. His Worship imposed the usual fine of \$5 and pointed out that defendant would have to take responsibility for the acts of his servants.

A Chinese godown owner was also fined \$10 for keeping two dogs without a licence and allowing one to go about unmuzzled. It was alleged that one of the dogs had bitten a small girl.

During the hearing Serjt. Cordaux informed His Worship that the last case of rabies had occurred in the New Territories about a month ago.

A RUNNER ASSAULTED

The case in which three Chinese are charged with assaulting a boarding-house runner on board the J.C.M.L. vessel Tjitaroom, was remanded.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall prosecuted and Mr. J. M. Remedios appeared on behalf of the defendants.

THE DECEASED BOATSWAIN.

The case in which a Chinese boatswain charged a tailor with cheating him of \$500, which he said he handed over as security money for a job on the R.F.A. Belgo, was concluded before Mr. Whyte-Smith yesterday. He imposed a sentence of two months' imprisonment.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, Jr., prosecuted on behalf of the complainant and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defence.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Luis Oliva, a Filipino, who is charged with indecently assaulting a married woman and with a common assault on her husband, was before Mr. Whyte-Smith yesterday. Mr. L. R. Andrews, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and the defendant was not legally represented.

Owing to the nature of the evidence the Court was cleared. The case was adjourned and will probably take two more hearings.

AN "OLD PUNTI CHICKEN" CASE.

RESTAURANT'S CLAIM UNDER A CONTRACT.

A claim was brought at the Summary Court yesterday before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) by a Chinese restaurant keeper alleging that a poultry stall keeper at the Central Market had broken a contract for the supply of "old punti chickens" for one year, thereby causing a loss of \$508.80.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the plaintiff, submitted that the contract price was 44 cents per catty, but the supplies were stopped before the contract had been in force for one month because there was a rise in the market price. Plaintiff had therefore to purchase his supplies at a higher price.

In reply to Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defendant, plaintiff denied that the arrangement was that accounts should be settled every ten days. There was no stipulation in the contract, but the understanding was that payment for chickens should be made at the end of the month. Plaintiff also alleged that a member of the defendant firm borrowed \$100 and asked him to debit the account.

Mr. Lo's defence was that supplies were stopped owing to plaintiff's failure to pay the accounts. The plaintiff owed the defendant \$410, less \$100 which was paid on account and not borrowed. He would bring evidence to show that the plaintiff could have obtained his supplies at 44 cents per catty instead of 84 cents as stated by him.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

ASSAULT CASE DROPPED.

SAILOR AND SOLDIERS DISCHARGED.

The case against two privates of the King's Own Scottish Borderers and Stoker Hartell of H.M.S. Stormcloud ended abruptly at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

It will be recalled that charges of failing to pay \$3 honor car fare were preferred against all three men. One of the soldiers, Private Finnigan, was also charged with larceny of \$3 from the chauffeur, while Stoker Hartell had to answer an additional count of using abusive language at the No. 2 Police Station.

In the course of the facts, Pte. Finnigan sustained an injury to his leg and had been in hospital since Stoker Hartell and Pte. Craik appeared before his Worship yesterday.

Divisional Inspector MacDonald of No. 2 Police Station informed his Worship that the complainant in the case had failed to turn up. He understood that the man was wanted by the traffic department for a breach of his licence and had therefore not appeared.

Hartell's Lurid Language.

Private Craik was then discharged. Stoker Hartell was discharged on the count of not paying his fare and as regards his abusive language at the Police Station, Inspector MacDonald stated that he did not wish to press the case.

Mr. Hamilton asked defendant if it was a fact that he had used abusive language in the Police Station?

Defendant: I cannot swear to it, Sir.

His Worship: Do you know anything about it?

"I was a bit wild at the time," said his Worship (to Inspector MacDonald): Was he under the influence of liquor?

Inspector MacDonald: Yes, he was. We are not pressing the charge, and a warning or caution will do, as far as we are concerned.

"I can't warn him unless he admits it. Is the charge admitted?" Defendant: Yes, Sir.

His Worship accordingly registered a caution.

Inspector MacDonald explained that the injury sustained by Pte. Finnigan was entirely due to Stoker Hartell. Finnigan was trying to separate the stoker from the chauffeur when the former tripped Finnigan over. The Police had nothing to do with the injury.

His Worship: I understand that, of course.

A STUPID POLICEMAN.

NO USE FOR THE PEAK DISTRICT.

"This man is an utter fool," observed Mr. Hamilton at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when a Shan case man gave evidence in a case in which a house coile employed at No. 169, The Peak, was charged with writing communistic slogans on a transformer box on the Peak. The constable insisted that he had kept the defendant under observation all the time, but according to his own evidence, he must have lost sight of him for a short period of time.

The defendant was discharged, his Worship remarking that the constable's evidence was worthless. "Give my compliments to the O.P." added his Worship to Inspector Logan, "and say that this man is 'no good on the Peak'."

Bail of \$500 was granted yesterday by Mr. E. W. Hamilton to a Chinese woman who is charged with complicity in the burglary at Messrs. Sincere's. Detective Serjt. Flattery informed the Bench that the Police objection to bail had been withdrawn.

ACCUSED ACTORS.

ONE PLEA OF "GUILTY" IN BLACKMAIL CASE.

The trial of John Preston, aged sixty-seven, and Samuel Elwyn Leslie, aged forty-one, actors, who are accused of blackmailing a London constituency in the general election, came before the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., at the Old Bailey.

Mr. H. D. Roome, for the prosecution, asked before the proceedings began that the name of the prosecutor should not be disclosed. Leslie pleaded guilty to counselling and procuring Preston to demand money with menace. Preston pleaded "Not guilty."

Mr. Roome stated in opening the case that Preston alleged that an inquiry concerning the prosecutor had come from the Labour Party. "I am sure you will not pay any attention to that," added Mr. Roome, "because the whole story is untrue. In the submission of the prosecution. No political party would stoop to mud of this kind. It was merely a lying statement by this blackmailer."

The hearing was adjourned.

BY MAIL, WIRE, AND WIRELESS.

Aldershot.—The Bersarath Lodge of Druids conducted the service of the Golden Dawn at Stonehenge on Sunday last.

London.—The executive committee of the Liberal Council have resolved to continue the activities of the council.

Koritz.—The statutes of the new Albanian National (Orthodox) Church have been unanimously approved by a congress at Koritz.

Manchester.—Mr. F. A. Badge has been appointed secretary of the Hunters' Improvement and National Light Horse Breeding Society.

London.—The King has confirmed the appointment of Mr. William Stewart to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Tanganyika Territory.

Leeds.—Mr. and Mrs. Gale, of Merton-upon-Swale, North Yorkshire, have just celebrated the 68th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Gale still cycles 10 or 12 miles almost daily.

London.—More than 120 excursion and special trains during the summer season are run on Saturday by the Great Western Railway, and three of the principal express trains from Paddington have to be duplicated.

Rome.—By way of announcing his recovery from his recent operation (Gibriele d'Annunzio caused a salute of 11 guns to be fired from his private battery in the gardens of the Bittoriale Villa, on the Lake of Garda.

Ramsgate.—Thousands of people on the cliffs watched a grass fire raging between the River Stour and the sea near Richborough. The fire stretched for a mile and was a quarter of a mile wide, the flames rising to a height of six or eight feet.

Crewe.—Crewe Town Hall, the property of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, was completely destroyed by fire. Adjoining premises, including the railway company's laboratory, were saved. The damage is estimated at £40,000.

Paris.—In the interests of economy reductions are being made in the Rumanian Diplomatic Service, and the *Graie de representation* allowed to Ministers abroad have been diminished, except in the case of Legations in London and Paris.

London.—The roadway and the basements of several shops in Loampt Vale, Lewisham, were flooded by the bursting of a 10in. water main. The water made its way under the pavement, and tore up between 20 and 30 yards of the paving-stones.

Vienna.—A Czechoslovak named Vincent Pecha has been arrested by the Hungarian authorities at the frontier station of Hidasnemeti, on a charge of spying. The Czechoslovakia Government has stopped all railway traffic through Hidasnemeti.

Lahore.—Ramsaran Dass, one of the accused in the Lahore conspiracy case, has been granted a pardon, and has turned King's evidence. Another of the accused is doing likewise, which brings the total of people who have turned King's evidence to six.

CHINESE YOUTH IN TROUBLE.

YOUNG GIRL'S COMPLAINT AGAINST HIM.

A Chinese youth, sixteen years of age was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday with indecently assaulting a seven year old Chinese girl on the second floor of No. 58 Third Street.

Sub-Inspector Rozeksky, who was prosecuting, applied for a week's remand because the Police were awaiting the result of the analyst's examination of part of the girl's clothing.

The Inspector stated that the defendant and the child in question lived at the same address. In the evening of July 17, the girl's mother took the girl out to a street fountain to fetch water, but on realising that she would have a long time to wait, sent the girl home. When the mother returned an hour later, the girl complained of having been interfered with by the youth. The mother being a newcomer did not immediately report the matter to the Police, but she put aside the girl's clothing as it was when she made the complaint.

On Wednesday the mother mentioned the matter to a friend, who then advised her to notify the Police Station. This was duly done.

His Worship remarked on the difficulty the case presented was that the girl was very young and he was not sure that she could testify properly. Inspector Rozeksky replied that the girl told a very clear story at the Police Station.

A formal remand of one week was arranged, bail being granted defendant in the sum of \$250.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 230 METRES.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.
3.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music (records supplied by The Pleasant Co.).
7.15 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme. (Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd.).

"Maitha" (Flotow), Selection. The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Fun Blues" (Harry Taylor) and "Prophecies" (Humorous Talking by Norman Long).

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"Spring Song" (Hollins), and "Grand Chorus No. 2 in C major," Organ Solo, Reginald Goss-Custard.

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"Neapolitan Nights" and "Allah's Holiday," Victor Salon Orchestra.

"Dawn with Her Rosy Mantle" and "If My Name You Would Know," Tenor, Tito Schipa.

"La Garde Republicaine," March, and "Wipers," March. The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Bertam At The Rotary Dinner" and "Bertam Addresses The Tenants," Humorous Talking by Will Kings.

"Etude Tableau" and "Dance of the Gnomes," Piano Solo, Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Worvyn" (Fairman) and "Happy" (Lee), De Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra.

"The Bells of St. Mary's" and "Ever of Thee I'm Fondly Dreaming," Soprano, Frances Alda.

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STATION	Hour	JULY 31, 1929.					AUGUST 1, 1929.				
		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Clouds	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Clouds
Wladivostok	12	29.79	76.7	87	SE	1 c	29.76	75.8	79	SE	2 b
Nemuro	11	29.70	74.5	...	SW	1 c	29.78	75.5	...	...	...
Hokodate	...	29.80	76.0	...	SW	1 c	29.84	75.9	...	...	...
Tokio	...	29.80	75.9	...	SSE	2 c	29.84	76.0	...	NW	1 c
Kobe	...	29.86	76.1	...	SSE	1 c	29.86	76.1	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.86	76.1	...	SW	1 c	29.86	76.1	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.84	76.0	...	SE	1 c	29.86	75.5	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.82	76.0	...	ESE	1 c	29.86	75.5	...	ESE	1 c
Naha	...	29.80	75.9	...	E	1 c	29.86	75.5	...	E	1 c
Ishigakijima	...	29.84	76.0	...	NNE	1 c	29.86	75.0	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.75	75.6	...	S	1 b	29.78	75.4	...	NE	1 b
Chefoo	15	29.86	75.4	...	SSE	4 b	29.86	75.4	...	SE	2 b
Shanghai	14	29.95	76.0	...	SSE	4 b	29.86	75.4	...	SSE	4 b
Guttsiaff	...	29.85	75.3	...	WSW	2 r	29.81	75.2	...	NE	1 c
Sharp Peak	...	29.78	75.6	...	S	4 r	29.79	75.6	...	NE	2 c
Amoy	...	29.80	75.9	...	SW	2 c	29.79	75.6	...	NE	2 c
Swatow	...	29.87	75.7	...	SW	2 c	29.79	75.6	...	NE	2 c
Taiheku	11	29.86	75.8	...	SW	2 c	29.79	75.6	...	NE	2 c
Taihu	...	29.86	75.8	...	SW	2 c	29.79	75.6	...	NE	2 c
Tainan	...	29.84	75.7	...	NW	2 c	29.84	75.7	...	NE	2 c
Koshun	...	29.84	75.7	...	ENE	2 c	29.84	75.7	...	NE	2 c
Pescadore	...	29.85	75.8	...	SSE	2 c	29.84	75.7	...	NE	2 c
Hong Kong	14	29.72	75.4	...	SW	2 c	29.72	75.4	...	SW	2 c
Gap Rock	...	29.75	75.5	...	SSW	4 c	29.72	75.4	...	SW	2 c
Macao	...	29.68	75.3	...	SSW	4 c	29.69	75.2	...	WSW	4 c
Hoibow	...	29.77	75.6	...	SSW	3 c	29.77	75.6	...	SSW	3 c
Pratas Island	...	29.58	75.1	...	ESE	6 c	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	15	29.58	75.1	...	ESE	6 c	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.76	75.6	...	NE	1 c	29.76	75.6	...	NE	1 c
Cape St. James	14	29.76	75.6	...	NE	1 c	29.76	75.6	...	NE	1 c
Basco	...	29.80	75.9	...	NNE	2 c	29.78	75.8	...	NE	2 c
Apurri	...	29.75	75.7	...	W	2 c	29.73	75.6	...	SW	2 c
Tuguegarao	...	29.76	75.8	...	W	2 c	29.73	75.6	...	SW	2 c
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Calbayog	...	29.78	75.3	...	SSW	4 c	29.82	75.7	...	SW	2 c
Tacloban	...	29.80	75.9	...	SW	4 c	29.84	75.7	...	SW	2 c
Iloilo	...	29.78	75.6	...	SW	4 c	29.85	75.8	...	SW	2 c
Cebu	...	29.78	75.6	...	SW	4 c	29.85	75.8	...	SW	2 c
Surigao	...	29.79	75.6	...	SW	4 c	29.85	75.8	...	SW	2 c
Saipan	...	29.84	75.7	...	SW	1 c	29.82	75.7	...	SE	1 c
Guam	12.22	29.84	75.7	...	SW	1 c	29.82	75.7	...	SE	1 c
Yap	11.00	29.85	75.8	...	SSW	4 c	29.87	75.8	...	WSW	2 c
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	...	SW	2 b	29.84	75.7	...	SW	2 b

August 1st, 11A. 40m. — No returns from Indo-China.
The anticyclone remains over S. Japan; pressure is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across S. Formosa and N. Luzon to the Pacific.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.90 inch. Total since January 1, 37.40 inches, against an average of 52.04 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON AUGUST 2.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... Light variable winds.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamouks ... S. winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... S. winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... S. winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, August 1.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.71	29.73	29.72
Temperature	79	78	85
Humidity	68	94	88
Wind	Direction	Calm	NW
Force	...	2	8
Weather	...	OD	OD
Rain	...	0.07	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 21.84

Lowest open-air Temperature, 11.78

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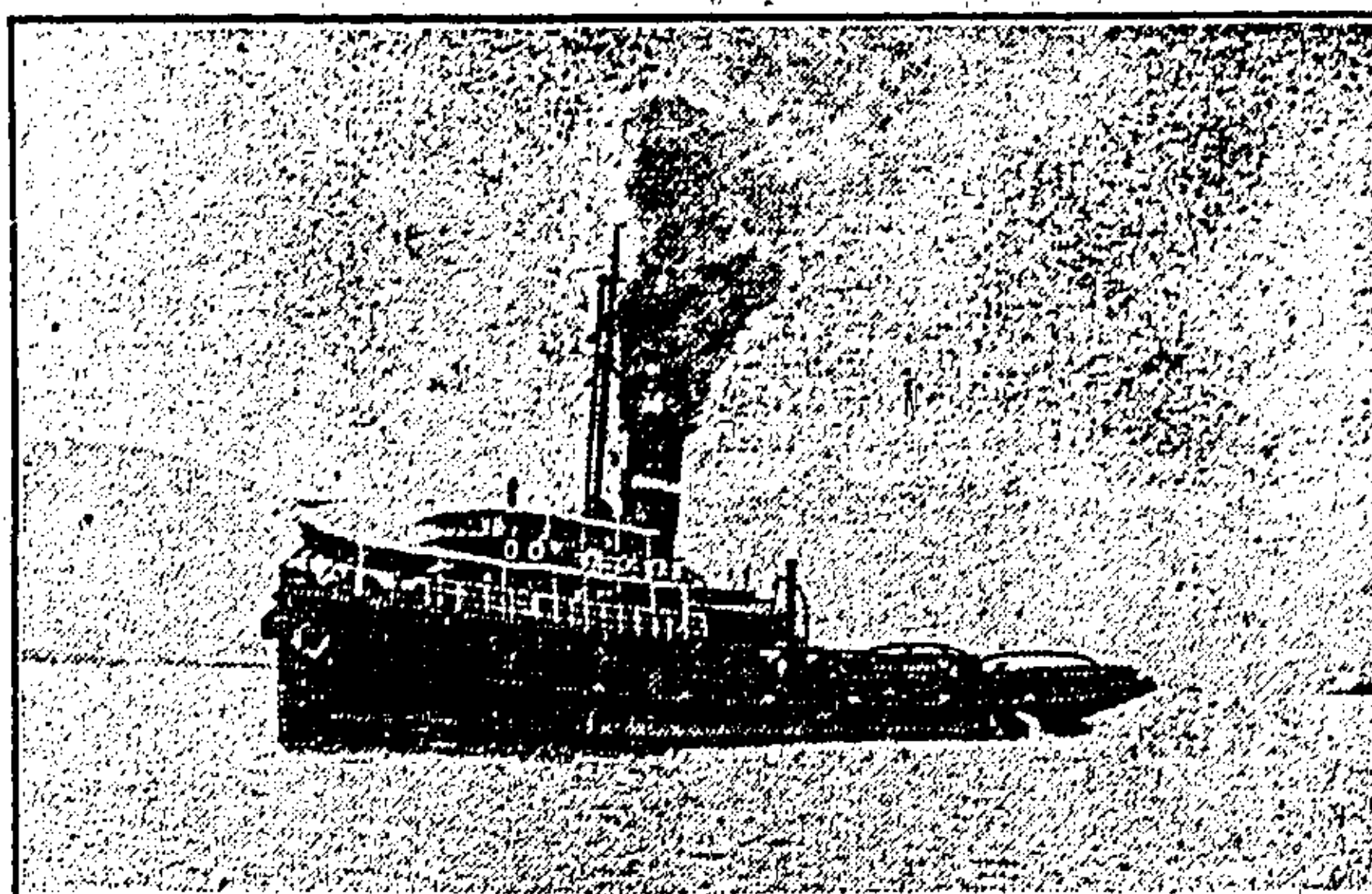
Days of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fr.	2	h. m.	7.0	h. m.	0.9
Sat.	3	h. m.	8.45	h. m.	2.9
Sun.	4	h. m.	7.10	h. m.	0.25
Mon.	5	h. m.	8.45	h. m.	2.84
Tues.	6	h. m.	10.30	h. m.	3.37
Wed.	7	h. m.	8.57	h. m.	2.15
Thur.	8	h. m.	11.39	h. m.	4.57
		h. m.	10.40	h. m.	3.23
		h. m.	8.10	h. m.	5.34
		h. m.	11.32	h. m.	6.10

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